

# Rhode Island State Police



# Annual Report 2005





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Dear Governor Carcieri:

I am pleased to provide you with the 2005 Rhode Island State Police Annual Report.

During the year, the Division made great strides in traffic safety towards impaired and aggressive driving enforcement. Most significantly, citations increased from 2,130 in 2004 to 4,691 in 2005. In 2004 there were 240 arrests for driving under the influence, and in 2005, that number increased to 496. A partnership of federal, state, and local law enforcement as well as educators, the private sector, and the media launched an aggressive DUI initiative, "*There's No Excuse for Drunk Driving.*"

A new class of 34 troopers graduated from the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy in January. A diverse group of community leaders partnered with the Division in the recruitment drive. This was also the first time that the academy application process was completed electronically. This resulted in a much more streamlined, cost-effective and efficient application process.

We look forward finalizing plans for the construction of a new Rhode Island State Police Headquarters, which will provide a modern, centralized facility and the renovation of several existing barracks.

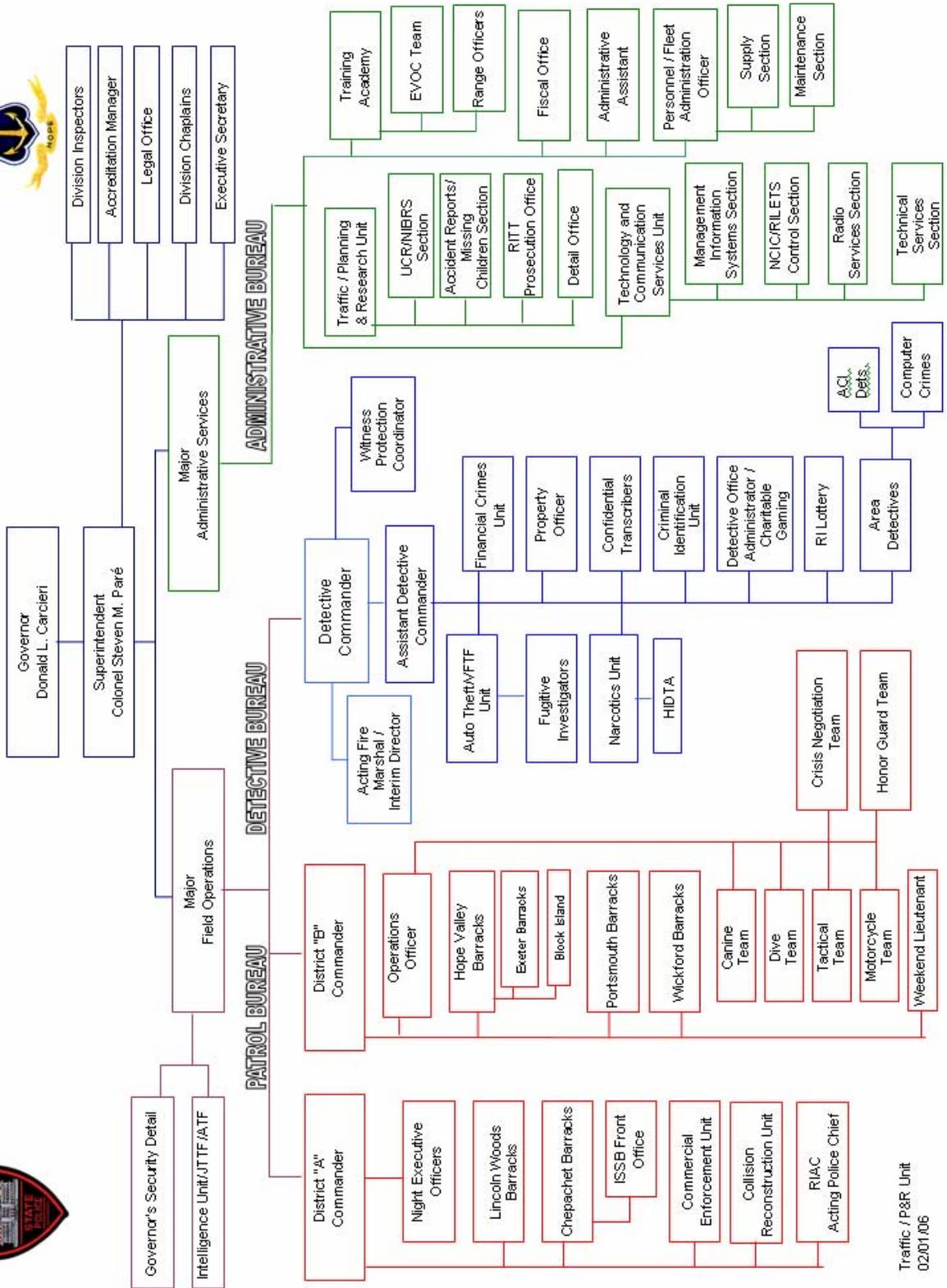
On behalf of the men and women of the Rhode Island State Police, I thank you for your support over the past year as we strive to provide the best law enforcement services for the citizens and visitors of our state.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Paré  
Colonel  
Superintendent



# RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Traffic / P&R Unit  
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## **Rhode Island State Police**



### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*The Rhode Island State Police is a full service, statewide law enforcement agency whose mission is to fulfill the law enforcement needs of the people with the highest degree of fairness, professionalism and integrity, and protect the inherent rights of the people to live their lives in freedom and safety. To this end, Division employees shall perform their respective patrol, investigative and support functions to the best of their ability and cooperate with other State agencies, as well as with local and Federal authorities.*

### ***DIVISION CREED***

*“You are always to remember that you are  
in the Rhode Island State Police and  
In the Service of the State.  
It is a call of honor. It requires unselfish  
devotion to duty, the highest  
type of honesty and downright courage.”*

# ***SUPERINTENDENT***

*COLONEL STEVEN M. PARÉ*

*EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:*

*MS. BARBARA LAIRD*

Colonel Steven M. Paré was sworn in as Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police on October 20, 2001, following the retirement of Colonel Edmond S. Culhane, Jr. Colonel Paré graduated from the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy in 1980 and rose through the ranks to his present position. Colonel Paré has served in all three bureaus and most units within these bureaus.

Colonel Paré holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Bryant College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Rhode Island. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Leadership Rhode Island, and the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

As Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, Colonel Paré serves as the commanding officer of the Division and is accountable for staffing the Patrol and Detective Bureaus to provide statewide law enforcement services. The mission for these two bureaus is to promote highway safety, maintenance of order, prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension of violators. The Superintendent is also responsible for ensuring the control of traffic, maintaining safety enforcement on the State's highways and the development and enforcement of all policies and regulations for the Division. The Superintendent must ensure structure, discipline, efficiency and morale within the Division, along with establishing goals, direction and priorities.

The Superintendent reports directly to the Governor and is charged with informing the Governor of all major, ongoing investigations, except where prohibited by law. Over the course of the past year, the Superintendent has served on the following boards, commissions and task forces: Chair for the Rhode Island Justice Commission Policy Board; the Rhode Island Justice Commission Criminal Justice Steering Committee; the Rhode Island Crime Lab Commission; the Rhode Island Medical Examiner's Commission; the Criminal Justice Oversight Committee; the International Association of Chiefs of Police-State and Provincial Division (First Vice-Chair); New England Police Chiefs Association, New England State Police Administrators Conference; New England State Police Information Network (member of Board of Directors); Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association (Vice-President, Co-Chair of Legislative Committee, Co-Chair of Awards Committee, member of Terrorism and Ethics Committee), Sex Offender Management Committee, the Intelligent Transportation Society, the Commission to Study an Enhanced Role for Probation and Parole, Kent County Hospital Board of Directors, Gateway Health Care Board of Directors, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Executive Board, RISP Museum Committee and the Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs (honorary member).

Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, members of the Rhode Island State Police have been deployed throughout the world in support of homeland security. During 2005, Corporal David Medeiros, Troopers Mark W. Gilson, Laurie Ludovici, and Robert Laurelli served our country with their Reserve and National Guard Units in Afghanistan, Iraq and within the United States. We salute them for their sacrifices on our behalf.

The Rhode Island State Police, WPRI-12, WNAC-Fox/Providence, and RDW Group collaborated on an aggressive drunk driving campaign; "There is No Excuse for Drunk Driving." The campaign began in May and included public service announcements and a new "reality-based" television spot. Also participating in the program were the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General, North Providence Police Department, North Providence High School, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and the Rhode Island Office on Highway Safety.

Over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend, the Division joined the other New England states in a regional drunk driving enforcement campaign, "State Police C.A.R.E. About Drunk/Impaired Driving." The message was clearly stated that no matter where motorists drive in New England, law enforcement will aggressively enforce the driving while impaired laws. The Division also participated in other national traffic enforcement campaigns, such as "Click It or Ticket," and "Operation C.A.R.E." In November, an aggressive driving enforcement initiative began in an effort to reduce fatal motor vehicle accidents in the state. This was also coupled with an even greater enforcement of impaired driving. As a result of these campaigns, the Division increased citations from 2,130 in 2004 to 4,691 in 2005. DUI arrests increased from 240 in 2004 to 496 in the year 2005. Members of the Division will continue to focus on removing aggressive and impaired drivers from our roadways.

Continuing the Division's commitment to traffic safety, the Rhode Island State Police is now hosting the Rhode Island Safe Kids Coalition. Ms. Andrea Richardson is the state coordinator. She is teaming up with troopers to provide car seat safety checks and car seat safety programs.

Another new initiative in 2005 was funded by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. The Commercial Enforcement Unit received nearly \$62,000 to purchase equipment to inspect diesel trucks for emissions. Training for the new program was conducted in conjunction with the Connecticut Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Connecticut State Police.

During 2005, the Division provided personnel to assist other state agencies. The Governor appointed the Superintendent as Interim State Fire Marshal. Lieutenant John Blessing is managing the day-to-day operations of this office. Lieutenant Kevin Hopkins has been named as the Chief of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation Police Department. The Division also teamed up with officers from the Providence Police Department in the "Neighborhood Response Team" program. These special patrols were deployed during weekend nights in the City of Providence. The teams were highly effective in reducing crime in the Capitol City.

The Division's Detective Bureau continues its mission of providing excellent investigative services and responds to ever-increasing requests for its expertise. During the past year, detectives have assisted local police departments in the investigation of homicides and other major cases. In addition, each detective carries a considerable caseload in his or her specialty area. Both uniformed and detective members assisted the Providence Police Department during the tragic death of Sergeant James Allen. The Division continues its Community Policing Program in the Town of Exeter. Four troopers respond to routine calls for service and join citizens in a problem-solving capacity.

In April, Investigator Clifford J. Coutcher, of the Financial Crimes Unit, was named Certified Fraud Examiner of the Year by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Investigator Coutcher received this national honor at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. In 2003, he was the recipient of the 2003 Excellence Award from the Rhode Island Chapter.

*In May, Trooper Scot Baruti, Class of 2000, was honored by receiving the Law Enforcement Award from the Rhode Island State Attorney General. He received the award based on his performance during the year.*

*In October, the fourth annual LawFit Trooper Challenge was conducted in Virginia. Teams from State Police agencies throughout the country participated in six fitness and job-related competitive events designed to gauge the overall fitness of police officers. The Rhode Island State Police Team, consisting of Corporal John A'Vault, Detective Joseph Dubeau, Troopers Joy Younkin and Meredith Zenowich, took first place in the team competition and first place in women's pairs, and first place in the women's and men's individual 1.5-mile run.*

*Also during the month of October, the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors awarded the Division an 80th Anniversary Commemorative Uniform Award for the best-dressed officers of Rhode Island. The October issue of "Law and Order" magazine featured an article on the award.*

*The Division also received an award from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators for having the greatest percentage reduction in the number of highway fatalities involving commercial vehicles in the United States for 2003-2004.*

*In November, the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) re-accredited the Rhode Island State Police at its conference in Nashville. The Division was further honored by the Commission by being named a "Flagship Agency." In order to maintain accreditation, the Division must comply with more than 400 standards.*

*Members of the Division also participated in several charitable events during the year including Special Olympics, the Buy Nothing Winter Coat Exchange Program, the State Employees Charitable Appeal, Project Undercover, Dress for Leukemia and the Community Food Bank. In addition, the Division held semi-annual blood drives for the Rhode Island Blood Center. The State Police also assisted victims in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when the Federal Emergency Management Agency transported 102 evacuees to temporary housing in Middletown.*

*In November 2002, Rhode Island voters overwhelmingly supported Bond Referendum No. 1 for a new Rhode Island State Police Headquarters. This new facility will enable the Division to centralize its command structure, improve efficiency by dispatching troopers to calls from one location and manage law enforcement records in one place. This aggressive capital improvement program also provides for repairs and rehabilitation for several existing facilities—most of which were built in the 1930's. Robinson-Green Beretta has been awarded the contract to design the new building. This is the first capital investment in State Police facilities in more than sixty years.*

*In April 2004, the Rhode Island State Police, in partnership with a diverse group of community leaders, kicked off a recruitment drive for the 52nd Rhode Island State Police Recruit Training Academy. The theme of the recruitment drive was "Strength—Diversity—Determination." As a result of these efforts, 2,682 persons applied. Of these, there are 533 minorities and 399 women—an effort that will help the State Police become more reflective of the diverse Rhode Island community. This was also the first recruitment drive in which the entire application process was completed electronically through the Division's website with assistance of ri.gov. This resulted in a much more streamlined, cost-effective and efficient application process. In January 2005, 34 troopers graduated from the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy in a ceremony at the Community College of Rhode Island in Lincoln. The troopers began their patrols with a senior Trooper as part of the Field*

*Training Officer program. We are very proud of the Class of 2005 as they begin their careers as members of the Rhode Island State Police.*

*The Rhode Island State Police Museum Foundation is continuing its work toward the goal of establishing a Rhode Island State Police Museum. The Museum is located on the Headquarters Complex and will be an educational center for all our citizens. The exterior of the building has been completed. Lynch Industries is completing fabrication of the display areas, and we expect the museum to open in the spring of 2006.*

*The Division will continue the challenge of remaining at the forefront of tomorrow's technology while continuing to provide the quality law enforcement services that our citizens have come to expect from their State Police.*

# **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT**

## **INSPECTOR ELWOOD JOHNSON, JR.**

The Professional Standards Unit Inspector, Elwood M. Johnson, Jr., is a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division. The Inspector holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University. The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for the investigation of all complaints and allegations made against sworn and civilian members of the Division of State Police. The Unit strives to ensure that the integrity of the Division remains intact. Each investigation is conducted objectively, thoroughly, and without bias. A comprehensive investigation will end with one of three determined classifications; founded, unfounded, or unsubstantiated. Appropriate disciplinary sanctions or corrective actions are imposed in all founded complaints.

The Professional Standards Unit investigated a total of forty-five (45) complaints between January and December of 2005. Twenty-four (24) cases were determined to be unfounded or unsubstantiated, while eighteen (18) cases were determined to be founded and required some form of corrective action or disciplinary sanction. Three (3) investigations remained open and their dispositions were pending at the close of the calendar year.

### Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for calendar year 2005:

Type	Number of Complaints	Unfounded - Unsubstantiated	Discipline/Founded	Pending
<i>Unprofessional Behavior (Sworn)</i>	12	10	1	1
<i>Job Performance (Sworn)</i>	26	11	14	1
<i>Miscellaneous (Sworn)</i>	7	3	3	1
<i>Job Performance (Civilian)</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Miscellaneous (Civilian)</i>	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>

Type	Proper Use/Justified	Discipline or Counseling	Total
<i>High Speed Pursuits (Pursuit Policy revised during calendar year)</i>	21	10	31
<i>Discharge of Firearm (To dispatch severely injured animal)</i>	20	0	20
<i>Use of Force/Physical</i>	22	0	22
<i>Use of Force/Oleoresin Capsicum</i>	4	0	4
<i>Use of Force/Batons</i>	0	0	0
<i>Use of Division Canine (K-9)</i>	2	0	2

# ***INSPECTIONAL SERVICES UNIT***

***INSPECTOR STEPHEN M. BANNON***

*The Inspectional Services Unit Inspector, Stephen Bannon, is a nineteen (19) year veteran responsible for evaluating the administration and operation of the Division, as well as periodic inspections of facilities, vehicles, equipment, records, personnel and investigative procedures. The Inspectional Services Unit analyzes Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) standards that effect/encompass Division-wide operations and compares current organizational practices, policies and procedures to mandatory and non-mandatory CALEA standards. The Inspector identifies and recommends the means by which deficiencies may be overcome to satisfy the standards and enable the attainment and maintenance of the Division's accredited status.*

*In August of 2005, the Division successfully achieved re-accreditation after being examined by a panel of three (3) CALEA assessors. Re-accreditation typically takes place every three (3) years. In addition to achieving re-accreditation, the Rhode Island State Police was recognized by CALEA as a "Flagship Agency." The CALEA Flagship Agency Program was created to acknowledge the achievement and expertise of some of the most successful CALEA Accredited agencies, and also to provide "flagship examples" to assist other agencies.*

*Since 2000, the Inspectional Services Unit has continued to maintain a Quality Assurance Program. Surveys are mailed to persons who have had contact with the Division in the areas of complaint investigation (both uniform and detective), accident investigation and enforcement of vehicle and traffic law. Surveys were once again mailed out in late 2005 and early 2006. Although the final results have not been tabulated, early returns indicate that the Division continues to maintain a 90%+ level of satisfaction for its services to Rhode Island residents.*

*Finally, the Inspectional Services Unit has been working closely with the University of Rhode Island's Department of Anthropology and Sociology to closely monitor race or ethnicity issues that may occur as a result of routine traffic stops. This voluntary program began in October of 2005 as a continuation of previous studies mandated by the Rhode Island General Assembly. The Division remains committed to examining if, and why, disparities may exist with respect to stops and searches of certain minority groups.*

## **OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL**

*CAROL WOLFF FALLON, ESQ.*

*Carol Wolff Fallon serves primarily as in-house counsel to the Superintendent. In addition, she provides the Division with preventative legal advice and notification and interpretation of significant legal decisions and statutory amendments. The responsibilities of legal counsel also include the drafting and review of proposed legislation, negotiation of contracts with employee unions, representing the Division in grievance and arbitration proceedings and assisting the Attorney General's Office in the defense of civil litigation involving the Division.*

*Legal Counsel also represents or assists the Division at departmental disciplinary proceedings and Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights hearings.*

*The following are examples of legislation enacted in 2005 supported by the Division:*

- *Legislation was enacted that made substantial technical corrections and updates to comply with federal laws and regulations (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration) applicable to commercial motor vehicles and for enforcement of violations by commercial motor vehicle operators and companies. The laws are designed to regulate the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles. The changes were needed to remain in compliance with federal laws that provide funding for the Commercial Enforcement Unit of the State Police and provide Federal Highway funds to the State of Rhode Island.*
- *The State Police supported a legislative change to the Graduated Licensing Laws for persons under the age of eighteen (18). The law was amended by adding certain passenger restrictions. Limited provisional license holders are now restricted during the first twelve (12) months of a limited provisional license to no more than one passenger younger than twenty-one (21) years of age allowed in the vehicle. Immediate family/household members are exempted from this subsection. This is designed to allow drivers time to gain experience without the distractions and dangers that additional peers can present.*
- *The State Police supported legislative amendments that allow both the District and Family Courts to require weapons to be surrendered pursuant to the Domestic Abuse Prevention Act – and Domestic Assault Prevention Act. After notice to the respondent and after a hearing, the court may order the defendant to surrender physical possession of all firearms in his or her possession, care, custody or control when a protective order is granted.*

# **ACCREDITATION UNIT**

**LIEUTENANT CYNTHIA A. ARMOUR**



*Lieutenant Cynthia A. Armour, a twenty-year veteran of the Division, currently serves as the Division's Accreditation Manager. Lieutenant Armour assumed this position in October 2003. This position was re-established in May of 1999 to further streamline the voluminous amount of documentation necessary to sustain accreditation requirements.*

*In November of 1992, the Rhode Island State Police made a voluntary commitment to pursue national accreditation status under the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. The Commission, a non-profit and private corporation was created in 1979 through the combined efforts of four major law enforcement organizations: the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriffs' Association and the Police Executive Research Forum. The Commission's mission is to establish a set of professional standards which strengthen crime prevention programs, formalize essential management procedures, establish fair and nondiscriminatory practices, improve services, solidify interagency cooperation and coordination, and boost citizen and staff confidence in the law enforcement profession.*

*Since the Division initially attained accredited status in November of 1994, the Division has continually updated policies and procedures to conform to evolving law enforcement issues and accreditation standards. Furthermore, the Division has gathered numerous forms of documentation that demonstrate compliance with Division policies, procedures and accreditation standards. Currently, the Division complies with those applicable four hundred forty-three (443) standards established by the Commission. The Division successfully passed the on-site visit for re-accreditation process in December of 2002 and was accredited for the third time by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies on March 22, 2003.*

*The Division's fourth CALEA on-site assessment was conducted between the dates of August 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2005. As such, the majority of the work conducted this year involved preparing new standard files for re-accreditation, managing standard compliance, and revising the Division's job descriptions. As a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication of the Accreditation Unit, and Division members, the Rhode Island State Police received National CALEA Recognition as a Flagship Agency.*

## ***FIELD OPERATIONS***

### ***MAJOR STEVEN G. O'DONNELL***

*Major Steven G. O'Donnell, a nineteen (19 ) year veteran of the Division is the Major of Field Operations. He possesses a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Administration and a Bachelor of Science Degree Criminal Justice Administration. The Major of Field Operations is the second highest-ranking officer in the Division.*

*The Field Operations Officer is directly responsible for the Patrol and Detective Bureaus. Additionally, the Field Operations Officer is responsible for specialized units within these branches such as Governor's Security Detail, Commercial Enforcement Unit, Canine, Dive, Tactical and Motorcycle Teams. The Field Operations Major directly oversees the Intelligence Unit & Fusion Center. The Field Operations Officer is intimately involved in the day-to-day operations of the Division of State Police.*

*The Field Operations Officer reports directly to the Superintendent and along with the Superintendent, works to ensure the efficient operation of the Division of State Police. Along with the Superintendent, the Major of Field Operations helps to establish Division goals, direction and priorities.*

*The Field Operations Officer is the conduit for requests from local, state and federal agencies for the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police. Additionally, the Superintendent has designated the Major of Field Operations as the Public Information Officer for the State Police. He is responsible for disseminating information to the public through the media. Among the responsibilities of the Public Information Officer is the coordination of public speaking appearances and demonstrations by Division members throughout the State. He periodically meets with representatives of various media outlets to ensure that the division has open communication with them.*

*In addition, the Field Operations Officer is the Coordinator for the Rhode Island AMBER Alert Plan and is responsible for establishing the protocol for investigating abducted child cases. The Rhode Island AMBER Alert Plan is to provide a rapid response to the most serious child abduction cases. When an alert is activated, the Rhode Island State Police, through the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, will immediately gain the assistance of local broadcasters to send an emergency alert to the public in hopes of a quick and safe recovery of the abducted child.*

## ***DISTRICT COMMANDERS***

***CAPTAIN RAYMOND WHITE***  
***CAPTAIN JAMES SWANBERG***

*The District Commander's office is staffed with two captains. Captain Raymond S. White, a nineteen (19) year veteran, is the District "A" Commander. Captain White holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University along with a Master of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University. Captain White is also a graduate of Leadership Rhode Island.*

*Captain James E. Swanberg, a nineteen (19) year veteran, is the District "B" Commander. Captain Swanberg holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University along with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology from Rhode Island College. Captain Swanberg is a former First Lieutenant with the United States Marine Corps and is also a graduate of Leadership Rhode Island.*

*Captain White is responsible for overseeing the northern operations of the Lincoln Woods Barracks, Chepachet Barracks, Commercial Enforcement Unit, and Night Executive Officers. Additional responsibilities include supervising the Division Lieutenant serving as Acting Chief of Police for the Rhode Island Airport Corporation Police Department.*

*Captain Swanberg is responsible for overseeing the southern operations of the Hope Valley Barracks, Wickford Barracks, and Portsmouth Barracks. Additional responsibilities include supervising the Operations Officer, which includes all of the Division's specialized units.*

*The District Commanders have the overall responsibility of assuring all barracks are operating in a uniform manner to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Division. As secondary responders, the District Commanders respond to all major incidents being investigated by uniformed patrols. Also included in their responsibilities is the allocation of personnel around the state. Due to the dynamics and the varied daily responsibilities of the organization, assigning troopers around the state is a very labor-intensive part of this position.*

*The District Commanders work with other Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies to coordinate the Division's efforts in the war against terrorism. All special security details and assignments are the responsibility of the District Commanders.*

# **PORTSMOUTH BARRACKS**

## **LIEUTENANT ERIC L. CROCE**

**PATROL AREA:**  
*Barrington, Bristol,  
Jamestown, Little Compton,  
Middletown, Newport,  
Portsmouth, Tiverton,  
Warren*



*The Portsmouth Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Eric L. Croce, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.*

*The Portsmouth Barracks is located at 838 East Main Road in the Town of Portsmouth. The barracks personnel complement is comprised of one lieutenant, two sergeants, and thirteen (13) troopers. Barracks personnel patrol approximately 140 square miles in thirteen marked patrol vehicles and one unmarked patrol vehicle.*

*The Portsmouth barracks is also responsible for all calls for service on the Newport-Pell Bridge, Jamestown-Verazanno Bridge, Mount Hope Bridge and Sakonnet River Bridge. The Patrol also assists the Newport Naval Education and Training Center Police with arrests, complaints and accidents involving civilian personnel. The patrol also provides assistance to the Department of Environmental Management at Fort Wetherill, Fort Adams and Colt State Park, and on the waters of Narragansett Bay.*

### **Interesting Investigation**

*In October, 2004, the Portsmouth Barracks received a complaint from a party who reported that she believed she was the victim of a fraud and had been scammed out of a total of \$29,100 in cash and another \$12,000 in merchandise purchased via her MasterCard.*

*A trooper interviewed the complainant and learned that in 2003 the complainant had befriended a female acquaintance that she had met through their affiliation with an area school that*

*both their children attended. The complainant reported that in April of 2004 her friend confided in her that she was to be the beneficiary of a \$28,000,000 trust fund that was tied up in civil litigation, and even showed her a legal document to support her claim.*

*The complainant reported that in May of 2004, she had been contacted on two occasions by her friend and asked for financial assistance due of her boyfriend walking out on her and her children. As a result, two checks totaling \$29,100 were given by the complainant to her friend to assist her with bills and living expenses. At the end of May 2004, once again, her friend asked for financial assistance so that she could travel to New York and meet with the Certified Public Accounting Firm regarding her trust. The complainant once again came to her friend's aid and allowed her to use her MasterCard for expenses. It was after receiving credit card statements and reviewing purchases made that the complainant became suspicious and realized that her friend had not used the credit card for travel expenses.*

*This suspicion led the complainant to check into the existence of the accounting firm. This check revealed that the accounting firm in question did not exist. The complainant contacted her friend to ask questions about the recent findings but learned that her friend had moved out of state and left no forwarding address. The Trooper conducted a background investigation on the complainant's friend and learned that she had a criminal history of grand larceny and forgery. As a result of the trooper's investigation, an arrest warrant was drafted and authorized in February 2005 charging the suspect with three counts of obtaining money under false pretenses. A search for the suspect's whereabouts was conducted by the investigating Trooper throughout the year but was negative. In July 2005 there was a break in the case when it was learned that the suspect had been arrested by customs officials in New York, after they checked her in NCIC/wanted files and discovered that she was wanted by Rhode Island Troopers on the above warrant. The suspect was returned to Rhode Island to face the charges.*

#### **Barracks Personnel**

*Sergeants: Scott A. Hemingway, Franklin D. Rohan Jr.*

*Troopers: Michael Gill, Scott Raynes, Derek Borek, Sean McCarthy, Edward Viera, Kenneth Jones, Phillip Martin, Charles LeValley, John Gadrow, Robert Richardson, Luke Brisson, Robert Laurelli, Charles Bergeron*

# **CHEPACHET BARRACKS**

*LIEUTENANT STEVEN M. LEFEBVRE*

## **PATROL AREA:**

*Burrillville, Coventry, Cranston,  
Cumberland, Foster,  
Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln,  
Providence, Scituate,  
Smithfield, Warwick*



*The Chepachet Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Steven M. Lefebvre, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.*

*The barracks personnel structure consists of one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, two Corporals, fifteen troopers and one civilian. The Chepachet Barracks is located at 1116 Putnam Pike in the Town of Glocester. Although the barracks is situated in a rural setting, the members of this barracks are responsible for providing police services to over 10 cities and towns.*

*The current patrol area known to the Chepachet Barracks today, which consists of over 307 square miles, was formally the patrol area of two barracks. The Scituate Barracks, which was closed in the mid 1980's, previously had patrol members assigned to over half the communities that are now patrolled by the Chepachet patrol. Due to economic and staffing constraints, both areas are now patrolled with less than half the number of troopers that formally covered this large patrol area.*

*Due to the diversity of the Chepachet Barracks patrol area, troopers assigned to this barracks have to be just as diversified in their law enforcement techniques. Urban, suburban and rural communities all have different requirements and needs that have to be addressed by members of this patrol.*

*Patrol activities range from traffic patrol, speed enforcement, bad check complaints, disturbance and domestic calls to more intensified investigations of armed robberies and murder. Patrols have continued their concentrated effort to remove aggressive and impaired motorists from our roadways.*

## **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

*On February 9, 2005 while on patrol on Interstate 295 in the Town of Smithfield, troopers received a radio transmission about a pursuit of a stolen motor vehicle from the City of Providence. This pursuit was originally initiated by the Providence Police Department and later taken over by the*

North Providence Police Department. The suspect vehicle, a 2001 black Lincoln Navigator, bearing a Rhode Island used dealer plate was being pursued on Route 146 in the area of Branch Avenue.

The North Providence Police officer pursuing this vehicle advised that he had lost sight of vehicle as it exited Route 146 at the Lincoln Woods/Twin River Road exit. A Trooper patrolling in this area observed the suspect vehicle traveling in the wrong direction on the Twin River Road exit of Route 146 northbound. The vehicle changed direction and began traveling northbound on Route 146 at a speed of 90 mph with the Trooper in pursuit. The vehicle was observed to be swerving between the lanes in a reckless manner as it traveled on Route 146.

As the suspect vehicle approached the area of Route 295 from Route 146, Troopers observed the suspect vehicle travel onto the Route 295 north exit ramp. While traveling on this ramp, the vehicle abruptly swerved to the left onto the grass shoulder and reversed its direction. This vehicle continued to travel at a high rate of speed in the wrong direction on the Route 295 north exit ramp.

The suspect vehicle continued traveling on this ramp toward the position of the Trooper's cruiser and a North Providence cruiser. Upon approaching the position of these cruisers, the suspect vehicle swerved directly at a North Providence cruiser. As the distance between the police cruiser and the suspect vehicle decreased, it was apparent that the suspect vehicle was not attempting to avoid the North Providence cruiser. The officer, who was standing outside his vehicle, fired three shots from his service weapon at the suspect vehicle, two of which struck the suspect vehicle. The vehicle continued traveling north on Route 146 at a high rate of speed with Troopers in pursuit.

The pursuit continued onto Route 99 north with the suspect vehicle continually being operated at a high rate of speed and in a reckless manner. The suspect vehicle eventually entered back onto Route 146 south, exiting onto Route 116 southbound. The pursuit culminated as the suspect vehicle struck a tree at the Stump Pond Fishing Area located off Log Road in the Town of Smithfield. The suspect fled from his vehicle, removing his outer clothing as he fled. He then entered onto the frozen pond with Troopers and K-9 in pursuit. The suspect was apprehended and taken into custody. The suspect was charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, reckless driving, two counts of receiving stolen goods over five hundred dollars, and resisting arrest. The suspect was also issued several motor vehicle citations.

### **Barracks Personnel**

*Sergeants: Mark B. Surtel, Robert Cunniff, Jr.*

*Corporals: Clarence Snead, Matthew Zarrella*

*Troopers: Celeste Potter, Mark Farnum, John Shelhart, Genaro Ramirez, Timothy Dandeneau, Alfred Ruggiero Jr, Kenneth Buonaiuto, Scott Carlsten, Jason Lawton, Scott Hartwell, Peter Cambio, Michael Capone, James Brown, Derek Melfi, William Reilly*

*Maintenance: Thomas McCarthy*

# **LINCOLN BARRACKS**

*LIEUTENANT GLENN J. SKALUBINSKI*

## **PATROL AREA:**

Central Falls, Cranston, Cumberland,  
East Providence, Lincoln, North  
Providence, North Smithfield,  
Pawtucket, Providence, Smithfield,  
Warwick, Woonsocket



*The Lincoln Woods Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Glenn J. Skalubinski, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Barracks is located at 1575 Old Louisquissett Pike in the Town of Lincoln. One Lieutenant, two Sergeants, three Corporals, twenty-two Troopers, one civilian telecommunicator and one civilian maintenance person staff the barracks. Several members of the Lincoln Woods Barracks are also involved with the Tactical Team, Crisis Negotiation Unit, Technical Accident Reconstruction Unit, Dive Team, Motorcycle Team, and other support units.*

*The Lincoln Woods Barracks utilizes 26 marked uniform patrol vehicles and 2 low profile vehicles to patrol an area that encompasses approximately 206 square miles. This area of responsibility is fifty percent urban, twenty-five percent metropolitan and twenty-five percent rural, which includes Rhode Island's three major highways.*

*The Lincoln Woods Barracks, being situated in the state's metropolitan area, is responsible for a variety of calls for service. Interstates 95 and 195 and Route 10 take up the majority of these calls. The barracks is also responsible for patrolling and providing police service to all state facilities to include: the State Capitol, the Department of Administration, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Institute of Mental Health, the General Hospital, the Adult Correctional and Juvenile Facilities in Cranston, and all Providence County Court facilities. The Lincoln Barracks also assists the twelve local police agencies on various investigations in their area.*

*Over the past year, Troopers at the Lincoln Barracks investigated 1,105 incidents and made 1,755 arrests. Of these arrests, 158 were for Driving under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor and/or Drug violations. With the responsibility of the Providence metropolitan area, traffic problems are a significant strain on resources. As such, the Lincoln Barracks investigated 3,507 motor vehicle accidents last year. Furthermore, the Lincoln Barracks' commitment to traffic safety is evident in the 11,516 traffic citations issued for motor vehicle code violations.*

## **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

*On an afternoon in June 2005, subjects entered the barracks and advised that they believed three subjects were attempting to break into a house just down the street from the barracks.*

*As the trooper approached the location, a motorist flagged him down and pointed to the house. The trooper observed two male subjects on the back deck of the house attempting to gain entry. Both subjects then ran into the woods behind the residence. The trooper located a suspicious male as he approached the scene and was again told by motorists that this subject was one of the three suspects involved. This suspect then admitted to the trooper that the other two subjects were going to break into the house. As the trooper responded to an adjacent residence, he observed two male suspects attempting to hide in the thickets under a pine tree. He immediately approached both suspects who appeared extremely nervous and the trooper recognized the two that he had observed earlier on the deck. Both suspects were placed under arrest and returned to the barracks for questioning. Once at the barracks one of the suspects provided a statement detailing what had occurred at the house before the State Police arrived. In his statement he told of how they originally went into the yard to go to the bathroom. They then returned to the front of the house and began knocking on the front door to make sure no one was home. The suspect stated they were checking the house to see if they could break into the house. He explained that the plan was that one subject would be the look out while the other two broke into the house. All of the suspects were arrested and charged with attempted breaking and entering.*

### **Barracks Staff**

*Sergeants: Frank D. Sullivan, Ernest C. Quarry*

*Corporals: Kathleen M. Flynn, Richard C. Ryan Jr., John A. Beauregard*

*Troopers: Robert S. Wall, Michael Reynolds, Edward J. Stenovitch III, Wesley H. Pugh-Pennington, Simon Liu, John M. Allen, Kenneth Moriarty, Robert A. Creamer, Kenneth D. DeMarco, Cynthia Trahan, David T. Bassignani, John J. Conway III, Douglas S. Watters, Peter A. Filuminia, Nuno M. Vasconcelos, Nichols P. Rivello, Kristopher Lagor, Daniel A. Hernandez, Mark D. McGehearty, Brian M. Macera, Luke D. Schatz, Michael A. Ferruccio, David M. Trainor, Meredith L. Zenowich, Herbert D. Tilson, Stephen W. Brown, Steven J. Haynes, Franklin T. Navarro, Lawens Fevrier, Kevin L. Cloud*

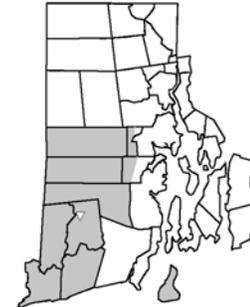
*Civilians: Mr. Francis Dolan, Ms. Linda K. Slader*

# **HOPE VALLEY BARRACKS**

**LIEUTENANT DARREN H. DELANEY**

## **PATROL AREA**

Charlestown, Coventry, Exeter,  
Hopkinton, Richmond, Westerly,  
West Greenwich



*The Hope Valley Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Darren H. Delaney, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The barracks is located at 54 Nooseneck Hill Road in the Town of Richmond. It is staffed by one lieutenant, two sergeants, three corporals, twenty-four troopers and one civilian maintenance person. In 2005, sworn personnel from the Hope Valley Barracks simultaneously served on the following specialized units: Tactical Team, Dive Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, Honor Guard and Canine (K-9) Unit.*

*The Hope Valley Barracks utilizes twenty-six (26) marked uniform patrol vehicles, one low profile vehicle and one 4X4 vehicle to patrol an area that encompasses approximately 250 square miles. Troopers from the barracks handle a wide variety of investigations and calls for service, as the patrol is situated in one of the State's most rural areas where smaller towns do not have full-time police departments. Troopers from the barracks are responsible for patrolling major roadways, such as Routes 95, 3, 102, 2 and 1, along with all secondary and rural side roads.*

*The Exeter Patrol falls under the direct supervision of the patrol commander from the Hope Valley Barracks. In addition, the Hope Valley Barracks is responsible for one sworn member serving the Town of New Shoreham (Block Island) during an annual summer assignment.*

*Troopers at the Hope Valley Barracks are committed to traffic safety and conducting thorough criminal investigations. The patrol investigated over 610 motor vehicle accidents and issued 13,989 citations during 2005. Troopers also arrested 1,031 individuals for various criminal and motor vehicle offenses, including 131 arrests for Driving While Under the Influence and investigated 1,065 incidents.*

## **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

On December 22, 2005, members of the Hope Valley Barracks received a call concerning a disturbance in progress at a local Trailer Park in Exeter. The caller reported that the incident appeared to be a domestic altercation that was escalating into a violent physical confrontation.

Several members of the Barracks were sent to the area. Upon arrival, troopers interviewed several area residents and learned that an argument had ensued involving a male and female subject, who were ending their relationship. The argument led to a physical confrontation, in which the male subject forcibly detained the woman by holding her down on a bed inside his trailer. The woman was able to convince her boyfriend to release her from his hold, which allowed her the opportunity to flee the trailer. The woman ran to a friend's trailer and barricaded herself in with her friend and her friend's infant. The male subject arrived at the trailer and attempted to gain access. Eventually, he forcibly entered the trailer by kicking in the front door. The woman fled on foot toward Victory Highway, where she was picked up by a Good Samaritan and transported safely from the area.

Troopers were able to quickly ascertain that the male subject had stolen a loaded 20-gauge shotgun from within the trailer he forcibly entered and then returned to his own trailer. After receiving information that the subject may be suicidal, the Division's SWAT and Division Hostage Negotiators were notified. Troopers alerted nearby residents to stay inside their homes.

Members at the scene established a dialogue with the despondent male subject. As a result, the subject allowed a member to enter the trailer to continue speaking with him about a number of topics, including his relationship with his family and his now estranged girlfriend. The subject had the shotgun under his chin while he sat on a couch in the trailer, his right thumb resting against the trigger. This dialogue continued for the next 15 minutes, with brief interruptions when the subject received cellular calls inside the trailer, instructing the listeners to "Tell my Mom and Dad that I love them." The Barracks members were able to obtain the trust of the despondent subject and finally convinced him to surrender the loaded shotgun.

The subject was placed under arrest and charged with Domestic Simple Assault, Breaking and Entering without Consent, Vandalism to Property, and Larceny of a Firearm

### **Barracks Personnel**

*Sergeants: Robert Mackisey, Nicholas Tella*

*Corporals: James Pereira, Kelsey Marshall, Michael Rosa and John Keenan.*

*Troopers: Frank Castellone, Roger Reardon, Stephen Flood, James Pardington, Erik Jones, Wesley Pennington, Christopher Schram, Stephen Vanner, Jeffrey Clark, Eric Yelle, Laurie Ludovici, Michael Brouillette, G. Thomas Chabot Jr., Daniel Fleming, Kevin Kojoian, Matthew McGuire, Anthony Commendatore, Mark Alboum, Joy Younkin, Sean McGehearty, Daniel Gazzola, Heather Donahue, Michael Doherty, Daniel O'Neil, William Corsen.*

*Civilian: Michael Guenet*

*Maintenance: Mr. Scott Gordon*

# ***EXETER BARRACKS***



*The Exeter Barracks is under the command of Corporal William C. Jamieson, a thirteen (13) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. In addition to Corporal Jamieson, three uniformed troopers and two members of the Town Sergeant's Office staff the barracks. The barracks is located at 675 Ten Rod Road in the Town of Exeter, attached to the Exeter Town Hall. The barracks was established in March of 1998.*

*The barracks resources include four division marked patrol vehicles and the Town Sergeant's vehicle. The barracks is responsible for the entire town of fifty-six square miles to include one hundred thirty state and local roadways. The Town of Exeter borders six towns, as well as the State of Connecticut. The troopers assigned to the Exeter Barracks work exclusively for the Town of Exeter and are assisted by troopers assigned to the Hope Valley Barracks.*

*During the year, members of the barracks investigated 482 incidents, 218 motor vehicle accidents, and effectuated 288 arrests in the Town of Exeter. Troopers also issued 4,227 citations in the town for motor vehicle offenses. Patrol activities and calls for service include domestic disturbances, larcenies, breaking and entering, juvenile criminal activity, traffic patrol and the enforcement of the town ordinances. Troopers also attend a wide variety of meetings within the town to include: Town Council Meetings, Juvenile Hearing Boards, The Exeter Job Corps and public schools.*

## **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

*On September 17, 2005, troopers responded to a call of several shots fired in the backyard at a residence on Dolly Pond Road in Exeter. Troopers spoke with the complainant who stated that he believed a male who lived at the residence was responsible. Troopers then spoke with the suspect. He admitted to firing a shotgun that belonged to his mother. The suspect readily presented the shotgun to the troopers. The shotgun and the rounds that were still in the chamber were seized for investigation.*

After speaking with the Exeter Town Sergeant and learning of other incidents of shots being fired in the same area on the previous evening, troopers responded back to the subject's residence and placed him under arrest.

At the barracks, the suspect agreed to give a statement. He eventually stated that he also fired shots in the rear of his house on the prior evening. At the same time the statement was being taken, a friend of the suspect arrived at the barracks to report his pickup truck stolen. He provided a signed statement reporting theft. Due to inconsistencies in his statement and a resident in the area reporting the pickup abandoned in a field, the so-called victim was questioned further. He admitted that the reported theft was false and stated he left his truck in the field after it got stuck in the mud while doing "donuts." He further admitted firing the shotgun with his friend at the Dolly Pond residence and in the field where the truck was stuck. He also admitted being "obnoxiously drunk" at the time.

A short time later, a nearby resident reported that she believed her vehicle was shot at during the prior evening. Inspection of the vehicle by troopers revealed several indentations in the vehicle roof, back and passenger side, apparently from birdshot fired from a shotgun.

After the investigation was complete, two subjects were arrested. One was charged with firing in a compact area and disorderly conduct. The other was charged with filing a false report, malicious injury to property, firing across a highway and carrying a weapon while intoxicated.

#### **Barracks Personnel**

Corporal: William Jamieson

Troopers: John Gibbs, Thomas Jaques, Jeffrey L'Heureux

# **WICKFORD BARRACKS**

*LIEUTENANT DAVID S. NEILL*

**PATROL AREA:**

East Greenwich, Exeter,  
Narragansett, North Kingstown,  
South Kingstown, Warwick,  
West Warwick



*The Wickford Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant David S. Neill, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.*

*The Wickford Barracks is located at 7875 Post Road in the Town of North Kingstown. The barracks complement is comprised of one lieutenant, two (2) sergeants, one (1) corporal, twenty (20) troopers and a civilian maintenance person. Vehicles assigned to the Barracks include twenty-five marked cruisers, one canine cruiser, two motorcycles and two unmarked cruisers. These vehicles are utilized to patrol the jurisdiction's approximately 200 square miles.*

*The increased motor vehicle traffic in the South County area creates a constant demand for police services. The Wickford Patrols provide police services on a daily basis for commuter traffic to and from the interstate highway system and the metropolitan areas of Providence, Cranston, and Warwick and suburban South County. In the summer months, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, there are additional demands for service due to the State facilities and beaches located in South County. These additional demands not only result in the need for stronger motor vehicle enforcement, but also cause a substantial increase in criminal complaints and arrests.*

*In addition to patrol duties, eleven (11) Troopers are assigned to a wide array of added responsibilities. These responsibilities include being assigned to the Governor's Security Detail, SWAT Team, Canine Unit, Dive Team, Marine Unit, Accident Reconstruction, EVOC Unit, Honor Guard Detail, Firearm's Instruction, Domestic Violence Instruction, Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians and CPR/First Aid Instruction. Barracks personnel are also frequently assigned to special details. These special details are diverse and are usually specific to the patrol area. Some of the assigned details are: Quonset Air Show traffic enforcement and security, Tall Ships traffic enforcement and security, "Reach the Beach" traffic enforcement, Hurricane Katrina security and transportation, Blessing of the Fleet Road Race traffic enforcement, Governor's Bay Day and military escorts to and from Quonset Point and the Newport Naval War College.*

*This year, members of the Wickford Barracks issued 2,843 more citations and arrested 156 more subjects than the previous year. Troopers also arrested ninety-one (91) subjects for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs and/or Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test. The previous year, there were fifty-one (51) subjects arrested for the same offenses. Troopers investigated a total*

of 590 accidents, 11 less than the prior year. The decreased number of accidents are believed to be a direct correlation to speed enforcement efforts employed by Troopers.

### **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

*In the early morning hours of December 7, 2005, Troopers assigned to Late Patrol were on a fixed radar post on Route 95 south at the Route 113 overpass, when they obtained a radar speed of 80 MPH in a posted 55 MPH zone on a Cadillac. Troopers stopped the vehicle, later identified as a 2006 Cadillac bearing a Rhode Island rental registration.*

*Troopers approached the vehicle and detected a moderate smell of marijuana. Troopers observed the operator and three other subjects in the vehicle. The operator identified himself with a Massachusetts Driver's License and the other subjects could not produce formal identification.*

*When the front passenger stepped from the vehicle Troopers observed a small plastic bag with what appeared to be crack cocaine stuck to his shirt. When Troopers removed the suspect crack cocaine the passenger attempted to knock it from their grasp. The passenger was then placed in custody and searched for weapons and further narcotics. During the search Troopers located a wallet containing a formal identification. The passenger was then secured inside the cruiser.*

*Troopers then re-approached the operator of the vehicle and advised him of the possible narcotics violation. The operator informed troopers that he and his occupants had smoked marijuana in the vehicle but did not have any more in the vehicle or on their persons. The operator then provided troopers with a recorded verbal consent to search for his vehicle. Troopers then removed one of the back seat passengers and conducted a search for weapons and contraband. None were located and the subject was placed with the operator in the front of their vehicle. Troopers then removed another passenger from the rear seat of the vehicle.*

*One of the Troopers began to conduct a Terry Pat search for weapons. While the trooper was patting down the right side of the subject, he moved away from the Trooper and removed his right hand from the trunk of the vehicle. As the trooper moved to the left side of the subject he fled from the vehicle toward the tree line on the west side of Route 95 south. The subject shed his outer jacket as Troopers grasped his arm and he was able to continue running. The subject then encountered a fence at the rear of a residence in Warwick. The subject scaled the fence as troopers grabbed hold of him by his white undershirt and arm. The subject's shirt then ripped from his body and became lodged in the fence. The subject's pants then became temporarily lodged in the fence and ripped free as he fell from troopers grasp. Troopers observed two items fall from the subject's clothing as his shirt and pants ripped while escaping from the Troopers grasp. Troopers then scaled the fence and after a short foot pursuit captured the subject on a nearby road. The subject was then placed under arrest and handcuffed.*

*Troopers then responded back to the motor vehicle and observed the operator in the trunk of his vehicle. Troopers observed the operator to have his hands in the trunk retrieving an unknown item. Troopers ordered the operator to raise his hands and move to the front of the vehicle. The operator complied just as a second late patrol was arriving on scene. Troopers then secured the occupants of the vehicle pending further investigation.*

*Troopers then responded to the fence area where they struggled with the passenger. Where the struggled ensued, Troopers located a loaded .22 caliber Ruger semi-automatic handgun and a*

watch. The location and evidence was photographed and the firearm was unloaded. Troopers removed a live round from the chamber of the gun.

Due to troopers observing the operator enter the trunk area of his vehicle, the trunk was searched for additional weapons. Troopers located a plastic bag consistent with that which is used to package narcotics. However, there were no visible narcotics in the bag at the time. Due to the location of the motor vehicle stop, the vehicle and the occupants were returned to the barracks. While at the barracks, troopers conducted a further search of the vehicle, which was negative for narcotics. However, troopers did locate several "blunts" in the vehicle along with ashes from burnt marijuana. Blunts are commonly used to smoke marijuana.

Troopers then reviewed the mobile video recorder from their cruiser. The tape clearly showed that after the rear passenger fled into the woods with Troopers in pursuit, the operator and other passenger conferred at the front of the vehicle. The operator then ran from the front of his vehicle, jumped into the vehicle, opened the rear trunk, and reached into the trunk area. The video clearly shows the operator casting aside a winter coat, opening the spare tire compartment and removing an item. The operator then conceals the item against his body and away from camera view and walks away from the vehicle and view of the camera. Troopers are then heard on the tape giving verbal commands and the operator is observed coming back into camera view with his hands above his head.

Using the information from the motor vehicle tape, troopers responded back to the scene and searched for possible discarded narcotics. Troopers located 7 plastic bags containing a white rock like substance in the same location that the operator disappeared from camera view while concealing an item. Troopers also located the top of a plastic bag consistent with the type used to package narcotics. Troopers seized the evidence and returned to the barracks. At the barracks, the operator and passengers were placed under arrest for possession of crack cocaine with intent to deliver.

Troopers charged the respective subjects with carrying a pistol without a permit, possession of crack cocaine with intent to deliver, possession of a firearm while possession with the intent to deliver controlled substances, conspiracy to possess a controlled substance, disorderly conduct, obstruction of a police officer, resisting arrest, and driving while in possession of a controlled substance. The operator was also issued a traffic summons for speeding, seatbelt violations, and littering.

### **BARRACKS PERSONNEL**

Sergeants: Paul Olszewski, Douglas Newberg

Corporals: Jan Hagopian

Troopers: Brian Montminy, Marc Lidsky, Paul Conlon, Jeffrey Coleman, Gregory Cunningham, Ernest McKenney, Darnell Weaver, Richard Swanson, Jean Tondre, Peter Chabot, Kevin Grace, Michael Brock, Eric Yanyar, David Gormly, Damien Longo, Gina Lindell, Shawn Slade, Brendan Doyle, Ernest Adams, Amanda Brezniak

Maintenance: Mr. Martin Spirito

# **COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

## **LIEUTENANT THOMAS M. UNDERHILL**

*Lieutenant Thomas M. Underhill is the Commander of the Commercial Enforcement Unit and has served with the Unit since September of 2005.*

*The unit presently consists of one lieutenant, one sergeant, one Corporal, seven troopers, and one data entry coordinator. In addition, there are currently three uniform troopers who have also received training in Motor Carrier Safety that are used on a part-time basis to assist in road checks, off peak inspections, commercial vehicle traffic enforcement and weight details. All these troopers receive extensive training in all phases of Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Material Transportation at the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Region-1 Academy, located at the Massachusetts State Police Academy, in New Braintree, Massachusetts.*

*The Commercial Enforcement Unit, commonly known as the Truck Squad, has the responsibility of enforcing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and the Federal Hazardous Material Regulations. Unit members also enforce Rhode Island Size & Weight Regulations, Rhode Island Public Utility Motor Carrier Regulations, and Rhode Island Fuel Tax Regulations. The Unit is also responsible for conducting post-crash accident investigations involving commercial motor vehicles. Funding for the Unit comes from the Transportation Efficiency Act (TEA 21) and matching State funds.*

*Size and weight enforcement is conducted by using the semi-portable platform scales that are transported by trailer to a fixed site. Vehicles found to be overweight are then inspected and cited for the violations and off-loaded if necessary. Weight enforcement is also conducted by individual unit members with the use of portable wheel-weigher scales. These portable scales allow troopers to weigh vehicles that attempt to avoid the fixed site locations, and at locations where it would be impractical to use the semi-portable platform scales.*

*During the period from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, the Unit conducted a total of 3,243 Safety Inspections of trucks and buses. This resulted in a total of 7,922 violations. In addition, a total of 435 (approximately 13.4%) vehicles were placed out-of-service for serious safety violations, and 155 (approximately 5%) drivers were placed out-of-service for license and hour of service violations.*

*When conducting an inspection, troopers enter the inspection information directly into the mobile data computers. With a portable printer, an inspection sheet can then be immediately printed for the driver. Then the report is electronically sent to a national database (Safer Data Mailbox). The information is transmitted to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in Washington, DC, which tracks safety records of these trucking companies.*

*Throughout the year, members are requested to give presentations and demonstrations concerning the Federal Regulations and Safety Inspections. Unit members have also been requested to act as judges at the Rhode Island Trucking Association's Championship.*

*The CEU is continuing its partnership with the Office of Motor Carriers involving High Risk Carrier and Driver Operations. This partnership allows additional enforcement activities on carrier operations throughout the nation. The partnership involves the following: When an inspection of an Interstate or Intrastate carrier reveals it to be a High Risk Operation, a formal letter of complaint is sent to the Rhode Island Office of Motor Carriers. This complaint is then forwarded to the Office of Motor Carriers in the state in which the carrier is domiciled. This allows the nation's High Risk carriers to be checked and inspected more frequently, which in turn improves highway safety.*

*As a result of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks, the CEU continues to be involved in numerous Homeland Security details including coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard on all LPG Vessels that unload at the Port of Providence.*

### **Commercial Enforcement Unit Personnel**

*Sergeant: Robert A. Farnum*

*Corporal: David J. Medeiros*

*Troopers: Daniel C. Cusumano, John E. Furtado, Sean P. O'Hern, Terrence B. Pendergast, Ronald J. Longolucco, Mark W. Gilson, Mark J. Perotti*

*Data Entry Coordinator: Mr. Glenn Lawrence*

# **OPERATIONS OFFICER**

## **LIEUTENANT DAVID J. HAYDEN**

Rhode Island State Police Special Operations are under the direct supervision and coordination of the Division's Operations Officer. Lieutenant David Hayden, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police, is currently serving in this position.

The Operations Officer is responsible for certifying the operational readiness and preparedness of the Division's Special Services, which includes the following teams: Dive Team, Motorcycle Team, Tactical Team and Canine Team. Other duties and responsibilities of the Operations Officer are to coordinate AMBER Alert activations, liaison with Rhode Island Task Force-1 to coordinate responses to search for land based Missing Persons, schedule Division Honor Guard requests and to ensure that all Patrol personnel properly carry out their assigned duties and conform to Division regulations.

During the past year, the Operations Office was involved in the planning and coordination of the Division's response to such events as the Quonset Air Show, Newport Folk and Jazz Festivals, Pandemic Flu response plans, Medical Emergency Distribution Plan (MEDS) to support Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) plans, Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG) and MANPADS (Man-portable Air Defense System) mitigation planning for TF Greene Airport. The Operations Officer also provides continuous support in emergency response by serving on several committees such as the Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC), Incident Management Task Force (IMT), Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) and the Hurricane Evacuation Planning Committee.

### **Airport Personnel**

Lieutenant: David Hayden

Troopers: Paul S. Sikorskyj, Thomas Peck Jr.

## ***NIGHT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS***

*LIEUTENANT KENNETH J. MARANDOLA*

*LIEUTENANT JOSEPH S. DELPRETE*

*The Night Executive Officers are charged with commanding all sworn and civilian personnel working during the night shift. There are two lieutenants assigned to this position. Lieutenant Kenneth Marandola is a twenty (20) year veteran and Lieutenant Joseph S. DelPrete is a nineteen (19) year veteran.*

*Their responsibilities include the inspection and management of the troopers during this shift while coordinating all field activities by directing investigations and responding to all significant incidents. This includes assisting local city and town police on all law enforcement matters. The Night Executive Officers report directly to the District Commanders.*

***WEEKEND OFFICER - IN -CHARGE***  
***LIEUTENANT JOHN T. LAFRENIERE***

*The Weekend Officer is in charge of commanding all sworn personnel working during the weekend. Lieutenant John T. LaFreniere is assigned to this position, and is a nineteen (19) year veteran.*

*The Weekend Officer's duties include the inspection and management of the Non-Commissioned Officers and troopers during their shifts, while coordinating all field activities and responding to all significant incidents.*

*In addition, the duties of this position include being assigned as an Amber Alert Coordinator and the Public Information Officer. The Weekend Officer in Charge reports directly to the District Commanders.*

## ***EXECUTIVE SECURITY***

***CORPORAL DAVID P. TIKOIAN***

*The Governor's Executive Security Unit is under the command of Corporal David P. Tikoian, a fourteen (14) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. This unit is comprised of one (1) Corporal and one (1) trooper, who report directly to the Major of Field Operations. Division members assigned to this unit have successfully completed specialized training in the area of Executive/Dignitary Protection.*

*The Governor's Executive Security Unit is charged with ensuring the safety and security of the Governor and first family at all times. Protective responsibilities include personal, grounds and facility security, postal, e-mail and telephone screening as well as threat evaluation. These duties remain the same whether the Chief Executive's official business is within Rhode Island or requires out of state travel. The Executive Security Unit utilizes numerous resources to ensure the safety and security of the Governor. These resources include communication and working relationships with multiple law enforcement agencies including, local and state police, Capitol Police, United States Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States State Department, Transportation Security Administration and the United States Postal Inspectors.*

*The Governor's Executive Security personnel spend a majority of their time conducting advance work and formulating logistical arrangements for the many public appearances the Chief Executive Officer must attend while in office.*

**Staff:** Trooper Michael J. McGlynn

# ***DETECTIVE BUREAU***

*Oftentimes, investigations of criminal violations require a great deal of time, expertise and personal commitment in building a successful case. The Detective Bureau is comprised of trained detectives who investigate serious crimes requiring specialized investigative techniques, forensic examination, cultivation of informants, clear and accurate testimony in a court of law and exhaustive dedication to a case through its resolution.*

*Furthermore, the specialized units within the Detective Bureau focus their proactive efforts towards investigating crimes associated with the distribution of illegal narcotics, stolen automobiles, white collar crime, organized crime, Asian/Latin gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs and fugitives.*

*The Criminal Identification Unit (CIU) further assists the various units. The CIU collects and analyzes crime scene evidence that can be instrumental in identifying suspects, weapons used and the modus operandum of a criminal case.*

## **Detective Bureau Personnel**

### *Detective*

*Commander: Captain Stephen J. Lynch*

### *Assistant Detective*

*Commander: Lieutenant LeRoy V. Rose, Jr.*

### *Lieutenants:*

*John Blessing, David Neill, John Leyden, James Demers, Dennis Pincince, David Palmer.*

### *Sergeants:*

*Brian Casilli, Donald Devine, John Flaherty III, John Lemont, Raymond Studley, Kevin Hawkins.*

### *Corporals:*

*Richard Altimari, John A'Vault, Michelle Kershaw, James Dougherty, John Killian, Michael Winquist, Arthur Kershaw IV.*

### *Detectives:*

*Benjamin Barney, Joseph Dubeau, David Doucet, Ken Bell, Kevin O'Brien, Todd Catlow, Patrick Reilly, Todd Neill, Shari Russell, Claire Demarais, Shelley O'Neill, Diane Dougherty, Dennis Fleming, Kevin Barry, Scott Lebeau, Joseph Philbin, Michael Casey, Staci Shepherd, Gerald Mckinney, John Charbonneau, Timothy Sanzi, Richard Ptaszek, Timothy Allen Jr, Matthew Moynihan, Christopher Zarrella, John Alfred, Christopher Dicomitis, John Grassel, William Accardi, Scott Baruti.*

### *Investigators:*

*William Neyman, Edward Pike, Peter Hill, Peter Dias, Paul Hockwater, Anthony DiPaolo, William Quinn, Charles McCann, James Cruise.*

### *Civilians:*

*Ms. Nancy Carlton, Mr. Clifford Coutcher, Ms. Karen Felice, Ms. Pauline Malec, Ms. Peta Ann Rowett, Ms. Lori Tellier, Barbara Redinger, Kerry McCartney.*

# ***DETECTIVE COMMANDER***

## ***CAPTAIN STEPHEN J. LYNCH***

*Captain Stephen Lynch is the Detective Commander of the Rhode Island State Police. He has served the Division for the past twenty years and has been assigned to the Detective Bureau for the past fifteen (15) years.*

*The Detective Commander is directly responsible for all criminal investigations and administrative duties within the Detective Bureau. Captain Lynch is assisted in supervising the Detective Bureau by the Assistant Detective Commander, Lieutenant LeRoy Rose.*

*The Detective Bureau is constantly being asked to investigate sensitive matters throughout the State. This past year the Bureau has assisted numerous local police departments with a wide variety of investigations including use of force, missing evidence, fraud and major case issues. The Detective Commander is also a member of the Witness Protection Board and supervises the Witness Protection Coordinator.*

*The Detective Bureau is presently comprised of forty-three (43) sworn detectives, nine (9) civilian investigators, two (2) financial auditors, two (2) confidential transcribers and four (4) office managers. The Bureau is comprised of the following units; Area Investigations, Financial Crimes-Public Corruption Unit, the Violent Fugitive Task Force, Computer Crimes Unit, ACI Investigations, the Auto Theft Unit, Narcotics-HIDTA Task Force, Evidence /Property Control, and the Lottery Investigations Unit.*

*Since April of 2001 the State Police has been supervising the Judiciary Warrant Squad. This past July the Warrant Squad was moved legislatively from the Judiciary to the State Police. The eight member unit are now State Police employees assigned to the Violent Fugitive Task Force assisting State Police Detectives and two (2) United States Marshals with tracking and apprehending wanted fugitives.*

*During the past year the Detective Bureau investigated 1,110 cases and made 681 criminal arrests. The Detective Bureau works very closely with local and federal law enforcement as well as the Attorney General's Office and the United States Attorney's Office in a coordinated effort to investigate and prosecute a wide variety of criminal matters.*

# **FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT**

**SERGEANT BRIAN CASILLI**

*In 2005, the Financial Crimes Unit was led by Sergeant Brian Casilli. The Unit is currently comprised of two sergeants, three detectives, two civilian fraud managers, and one criminal case coordinator.*

*The Financial Crimes Unit is staffed with a diverse group of personnel skilled in areas of criminal investigation involving fraud, also known as "white collar crime." The Unit is called upon to investigate a wide variety of financially motivated crimes, which include public corruption, extortion, embezzlement, obtaining money by false pretenses, computer and insurance fraud, cyber-crime, forgery, credit card fraud, bank fraud, identity theft, and money laundering.*

## **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

*During 2005, the Financial Crimes Unit received information of a high profile drug trafficker who was laundering approximately \$15,000.00 a month in drug proceeds. The information received was that the suspect would sell cocaine to customers at a bar in Providence and out of his apartment in North Providence.*

*During this investigation, members conducted surveillance at his residence and at the bar. In addition to this, numerous search warrants were executed on several bank accounts owned or related subject. All accounts showed large amounts of currency entering the subject's account, as well as bank accounts of his sister.*

*In March, unit members and members of the State Police executed a court-authorized search warrant for the subjects apartment in North Providence. Inside the residence detectives located 362 small individually wrapped, clear plastic bags containing a white powder substance that tested positive for Cocaine. Furthermore, located within various areas of subject's residence was \$81,695.00 in United States Currency. Approximately \$62,000 of this currency was sealed in plastic freezer wrap.*

*On this same day, unit members and members of the State Police executed a second court authorized search warrant at another residence in North Providence. This search warrant revealed another \$4,000.00 United States Currency which was also freeze wrapped in plastic and contained a note written by the subject.*

*The subject was prosecuted in Federal Court, pled guilty and was sentenced to 15 months in federal prison. In addition to this, he forfeited the \$85,695.00 in United States Currency that was seized, a 2004 Ford Escape, and his personal bank accounts were frozen by the Treasury Department for fraudulently obtaining SSI benefits.*

# **NARCOTICS UNIT**

*LIEUTENANT JAMES O. DEMERS*

The Narcotics Unit is under the command of Lieutenant James O. Demers, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division. The Unit is currently comprised of one sergeant and four detectives. The Unit is assigned to a Statewide Task Force known as the Rhode Island State Police/FBI High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force. The Rhode Island State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) jointly supervise the Task Force. The Task Force is comprised of State Police Detectives, FBI Special Agents and Detectives from Providence, Pawtucket, Warwick, Central Falls, Woonsocket, Charlestown and Coventry Police Departments. The Rhode Island National Guard-Counter Drug Support Program has three analysts assigned to the Task Force.

The Narcotics Unit is responsible for conducting investigations relating to violations of the Uniformed Controlled Substances Act. These violations are investigated by conducting surreptitious physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized wire installations, pen registers, controlled buys, buy/bust operations, reverse sting operations, parcel package interdiction and the State wide Marijuana Eradication Program. The majority of these investigations culminate in the execution of court-authorized arrest and search warrants. The execution of these warrants frequently result in eminent criminals being arrested and the seizure of their illegally obtained assets. The Unit also assists members of the Uniform Bureau, local police departments and other state and federal agencies with narcotic related investigations. In addition, the Unit provides narcotics training at In-Service and conducts public speaking engagements.

The majority of cases investigated by the Narcotics Unit are a result of initiating pro-active investigative techniques. These types of cases usually result from cultivation of confidential informants.

The Unit is also self-sufficient as it relies on utilizing motor vehicles and cash seizures from state and federal forfeitures to facilitate the purchase of equipment and provide financial support for the continuation of investigations.

During 2005, the Narcotics Unit was involved in the investigation of one hundred and five (105) cases resulting in sixty-eight (68) criminal arrests. For approximately six (6) months during 2005, the Narcotics Unit worked exclusively on two (2) separate Title III wiretap investigations. The second Title III investigation went into 2006 and the results will be reflected in next year's annual report. As a result of the 2005 investigations and arrests the below contraband and property was seized:

## **CONTRABAND SEIZED**

- One hundred and twenty five (125) pounds of Marijuana
- Two hundred and sixty two (262) Marijuana plants
- Twenty three (23) kilograms or forty-seven (47) pounds of Cocaine
- One half pound of Crack Cocaine
- Two hundred (200) grams of Heroin
- Twenty two hundred (2200) assorted Codeine, Methadone and Hydrocodone (Vicodin) pills
- Nine (9) pounds of Mushrooms
- Two hundred and thirty (230) vials of steroids

- *Two stolen tractor-trailers valued at approximately \$250,000.00. The trailers were filled with stolen mattresses and toys valued at \$100,000.00.*

#### **SEIZED PROPERTY**

- *Six (6) motor vehicles*
- *Seven (7) firearms*
- *One hundred and eighty-five thousand (\$185,000.00) dollars in United States currency*

#### **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

*During the month of February, 2005, members of HIDTA received information from a confidential informant that two males would be picking up a UPS package at an address in the City of Warwick. The information provided was that the UPS package would contain a large amount of Cocaine. As a result of this information, surveillance was initiated at the address. A short time after setting up on surveillance, members of HIDTA observed a white ford pick-up truck containing two males arrive at the address and remove a brown parcel package from the patio. They placed the package in their vehicle and left the scene. Shortly thereafter this vehicle containing the two males was stopped by members of HIDTA on West Shore Road in the City of Warwick. A search of their vehicle resulted in the seizure of the package, which was found to contain four (4) kilograms of Cocaine. The two subjects were placed under arrest.*

*Later in the same day, members of HIDTA received additional information from a second confidential informant that a female would be in possession of a large amount of cocaine. The information received was that the cocaine would be contained in a brown UPS parcel. The informant advised that the suspect possessed the cocaine at a residence in the City of Providence. During the afternoon on this day, members of the HIDTA Task Force responded to the residence. After approximately fifteen (15) minutes of surveillance, members of HIDTA observed the female exit the residence carrying the brown parcel. She placed the package in her vehicle and attempted to leave. Members of HIDTA then stopped the vehicle. The operator signed a Consent to Search for her vehicle. As a result of the search, the package was located and opened, resulting in the seizure of an additional three (3) kilograms of Cocaine. While at the Providence residence, a black Nissan Maxima arrived on scene. The operator of this vehicle matched the description of a subject that was provided by confidential informant number two. The information provided was that the suspect would be receiving the three (3) kilograms of cocaine from the female subject.*

*Later in the same day, members of HIDTA were contacted by a third confidential informant, who stated that the second suspect was maintaining another residence in the City of Pawtucket. The informant advised that he was distributing cocaine and marijuana from this address. Based on this information, a member of HIDTA prepared an affidavit for a search warrant for this address. As a result of the search, forty-five (45) pounds of Marijuana was seized, along with a Romanian assault rifle and ammunition.*

*Throughout the day, members of the HIDTA Task Force seized seven (7) kilograms of Cocaine, forty-five (45) pounds of Marijuana, one (1) assault rifle and seven thousand (\$7,000.00) dollars in United States currency.*

## **AREA DETECTIVE UNIT**

### **LIEUTENANT JOHN BLESSING**

*Lieutenant John P. Blessing, a twenty (20) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police commands the Area Detectives Unit. The Area Detectives Unit is broken down into two separate investigative branches within the Detective Bureau: Area Detectives and Adult Correctional Institution Detectives. The Area Detectives Unit is comprised of one lieutenant, one sergeant, two corporals and six detectives.*

*During the past year, the Area Detectives Unit opened a total of 277 investigations and effectuated 193 arrests. These investigations included homicides, sexual assaults, child molestations, larcenies, embezzlements, robberies, breaking and entering, violations of the banking laws, dangerous drugs, prison escapes, automobile fatalities, stalking, assaults with deadly weapons, domestic assaults and uses of deadly force by police officers. The Area Detectives Unit was also tasked with conducting employee and judicial background checks as well as assisting members of other local and/or federal law enforcement agencies in their criminal investigations.*

#### **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

*On July 27, 2005, members of the Norwich Police Department discovered the deceased body of a nineteen-year-old female in the waters of Yantic Falls, Norwich, Connecticut. The investigation revealed that the deceased victim had been shot three times and the body was "dumped" in the Yantic Falls waters. Upon identifying the deceased, detectives learned the victim was a resident of the City of Providence and was the girlfriend of a male subject murdered in Providence on June 19, 2005. At the request of the Norwich Police Department, a task force was developed utilizing the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police Detective Bureau.*

*During the month of August, 2005, Area Detectives and the Norwich Police Department discovered information from a female subject who advised she was present at the time of the murder. The eyewitness advised that a twenty-four-year-old female had shot and killed the victim at a location on the Narragansett Indian Tribal Lands in Charlestown, Rhode Island. The witness advised that the murder was an act of vengeance for a previous murder, the victim's boyfriend, in the City of Providence. The witness further advised that there were several other individuals present at the time of the shooting and they had assisted with the "dumping" of the body in Connecticut.*

*Based upon the investigation of the Area Detectives and members of the Norwich Police Department, probable cause was developed for the arrests of the twenty-four-year-old female, a twenty-nine-year-old female and a twenty-one-year-old male.*

*On August 27, 2005, Area Detectives and members of the Norwich Police Department arrested all three suspects for First-Degree Murder. All three suspects were returned to State Police Headquarters where Area Detectives obtained full confessions detailing the murder. All three suspects were held without bail and are currently awaiting trial.*

# **COMPUTER CRIMES UNIT**

## **CORPORAL JOHN F. KILLIAN**

Corporal John F. Killian, a fourteen (14) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police, commands the Computer Crimes Unit. The Computer Crimes Unit is comprised of one corporal, two detectives and one administrative assistant.

During the past year, the Computer Crimes Unit opened a total of 68 investigations and effectuated 6 arrests. These investigations entailed 21 computer forensic assists to outside law enforcement agencies and 11 forensic assists to other specialized units within the Rhode Island State Police. The Computer Crimes Unit handles all criminal violations of law involving electronic hardware or media. These crimes include, but are not limited to child exploitation, indecent solicitation of a child, unlawful computer access, EBAY fraud, identity theft and network intrusions. The Computer Crimes Unit also provides forensic and technical assistance to all local law enforcement agencies in Rhode Island including public and in-house education. Additionally, the Computer Crimes Unit is involved in lobbying the legislature to make our laws current in order for law enforcement to investigate Internet related crime.

### **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

A local school district reported to the State Police Computer Crimes Unit that they had received a complaint that a High School Vice Principal in Warwick, Rhode Island had attempted to sexually solicit an underage male over the Internet via online chat. Computer Crimes Unit detectives learned from the school district that information about the chat, such as suspect's name, photograph, telephone number and chat text had been posted on the website " <http://www.perverted-justice.com/> ", a website operated by civilians for the purpose of identifying and exposing on-line sexual predators.

The Computer Crimes Unit worked with the civilian members of [Perverted-justice.com](http://www.perverted-justice.com) and determined that investigators logged chat conversations between one of their representatives acting in an undercover capacity as a child and a given screen name believed to be a High School Vice Principal. The chat logs between the [perverted-justice.com](http://www.perverted-justice.com) undercover agent and the individual on the other end of the communication revealed that "target" individual was engaging in a conversation to solicit the "child."

The State Police Computer Crimes Unit learned that a parallel investigation had been initiated by the Warwick Police Department. The State Police Computer Crimes Unit teamed up with the Warwick Police Department to investigate.

Detectives spent a significant amount of time in their investigation in preparing and authorizing search warrants for basic technical subscriber and technical connection log information related to the chat.

After the basic subscriber and technical log information was obtained, search warrants were then prepared and authorized to search the suspect's residence where his computer was believed to be. When detectives executed the search warrant on the home of the suspect, they observed that the computer had already been removed from the home.

*After a subsequent investigation, an arrest warrant was issued for the suspect by the Warwick Police Department. The suspect was later arrested in Massachusetts. The suspect was charged with 2 counts of Indecent Solicitation of a Child. The suspect was arraigned as a Fugitive from Justice from the State of Rhode Island and waived extradition. The suspect pled not guilty to the two (2) counts of Indecent Solicitation of a Child, was released on \$10,000 personal recognizance and also ordered by the court not to use the Internet.*

*In February 2005, the defendant pled nolo contendere to one count of indecent solicitation of a child and received 5 years probation.*

## **INTELLIGENCE UNIT**

*LIEUTENANT JOHN T. LEYDEN, III*

*The Intelligence Unit is under the command of Lieutenant John T. Leyden, III, a twenty (20) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Unit is currently comprised of one sergeant, one corporal and three detectives. The Intelligence Unit reports directly to the Major of Field Operations.*

*Unit members are responsible for managing and maintaining confidential informants; maintaining a criminal intelligence file; tracking and identifying members of New England organized crime; maintaining and gathering information of various gangs; assisting with In-Service Training; providing informational seminars to other law enforcement agencies; assisting local, state and federal agencies with investigations; conducting electronic sweeps; researching modern technical equipment; and, assisting Rhode Island State Police personnel when deemed necessary by the Detective Commander.*

*The Unit members are also responsible for sharing information with the New England state police agencies (NESPAC), as well as, the New York State Police; Customs; the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Agency; the Drug Enforcement Agency; the Federal Bureau of Investigations; the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN); and other state and local agencies.*

*The Unit's primary goal is to identify and suppress the widespread illegal activities of organized criminal enterprises. Historically, the Intelligence Unit primarily monitored the activities of traditional La Cosa Nostra. However, over the past decade, the Unit's responsibilities have diversified to include investigations of terrorism; outlaw motorcycle gangs; drug cartels; and Latin and Asian organized crime. One member of the Intelligence Unit is assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigations Joint Terrorism Task Force.*

*The Intelligence Unit prioritizes investigations relating to violations of Rhode Island's criminal statues relating to threats and extortion, gambling and lotteries, organized criminal gambling, racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations (RICO), and violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act linked to Organized Crime. These violations are investigated by conducting surreptitious physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized wire installations, pen registers, controlled-buys, buy/bust operations, and reverse sting operations. The majority of these investigations culminate in the execution of court-authorized arrest and search warrants. The execution of these warrants frequently result in eminent criminals being arrested and the seizure of their illegally obtained assets.*

*The majority of cases investigated by the Intelligence Unit are a result of initiating pro-active investigative techniques. These types of cases usually result from the cultivation of confidential informants.*

*The Unit is also self-sufficient as it relies on utilizing motor vehicles and cash seizures from state and federal forfeitures to facilitate the purchase of equipment and provide financial support for the continuation of investigations.*

*In late 2005, the Intelligence Unit was tasked with establishing a Statewide Intelligence Fusion Center targeting terrorist activity. The Fusion Center will be charged with the sharing of intelligence*

information between critical sectors of law enforcement, fire, public and environmental health, private enterprises and emergency management. The Fusion Center will work in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigations Joint Terrorism Task Force.

During the past calendar year, members of the Intelligence Unit investigated over 93 cases resulting in the criminal arrests of 77 subjects and the seizures of substantial assets. The seizures included over \$350,000.00 in United States Currency, 7 vehicles, 3 firearms, over \$40,000.00 worth of fireworks and the seizures of over three (3) kilograms of cocaine and other assorted controlled substances.

### **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

During the later part of 2004 and early part of 2005, members of the Intelligence Unit initiated an investigation into a statewide illegal gambling operation that was being sanctioned by members of an Organized Crime family. This organized criminal gambling operation accepted approximately \$1,000,000.00 in illegal sports wagers over a four-month period. This investigation led to the issuance of four court-authorized wire interceptions of subjects managing this operation. During the course of this investigation, members of the intercept team identified fifteen (15) individuals who were later arrested for either gambling, narcotics and/or firearms related offenses.

Members of the intercept team were able to intercept several high-ranking "made" members of an Organized Crime family. During one of these interceptions, a high-ranking member of the an Organized Crime family was overheard sanctioning his son to shoot another subject, due to a dispute at a job site involving union members. This "Capo" was intercepted as he told his son that he would provide him with a loaded .22 caliber handgun and instructed him to shoot the other subject if their paths were to cross on the job site.

Armed with the above information, members of the intercept team conducted surveillance on the shooting suspect's residence early the next morning. Detectives followed the suspect as he left his residence and responded to the job site. With the assistance of members of the Uniform Division, the subject was stopped a short distance from his residence. A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded .22 caliber handgun in the center console. As a result of this stop, the subject was arrested for possession of a firearm without a license and possession of a controlled substance. Because of the manner in which this arrest was conducted, the wire-interception was not compromised and detectives were able to continue monitoring the criminal gambling operation.

At the conclusion of this investigation, members of the intercept team arrested fifteen individuals responsible for this illegal gambling operation and seized several motor vehicles, along with approximately \$360,000.00 in United States currency. In addition, members of the intercept team were able to prevent a potential sanctioned shooting.

# ***VIOLENT FUGITIVE TASK FORCE***

## ***LIEUTENANT DAVID S. PALMER***

*The Violent Fugitive Task Force is under the command of Lieutenant David S. Palmer. The unit is currently comprised of a lieutenant, a sergeant, two detectives, eight investigators, and a member from the United States Marshall's Service.*

*The Violent Fugitive Task Force is responsible for tracking and locating subjects that are wanted on violent felony charges. Members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force track and investigate long-term fugitive matters and also handle a large quantity of parole violators, Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) escapees, and requests from the Attorney General's Office as well as from local police departments.*

*In July of 2005, members of the Supreme Court Fugitive Task Force were merged into the Violent Fugitive Task Force and assigned to the position of "Investigators" within the Rhode Island State Police. During the month of October the Violent Fugitive Task Force moved into a new office location in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.*

*During the past calendar year, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force investigated two hundred and thirty-seven (237) cases. These investigations resulted in the arrest of two hundred and seventeen (217) subjects wanted by police departments and courts within the State of Rhode Island and across the nation. These arrests include: thirty-three (33) Superior Court warrants, seven (7) affidavit/arrest warrants, twenty-two (22) Fugitive from Justice warrants and forty-six (46) Parole Violators.*

*In addition, the Violent Fugitive Task Force prosecuted sixteen (16) subjects to include the following charges: murder, eleven (11) escapees, one Possession of Firearm after a Crime of Violence, one Child Molestation, and an identity fraud case.*

### **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

*During the month of April, members of the State Police Violent Fugitive Task Force received a complaint involving malicious damage done to a residence of a State Trooper. The suspect threw a large rock through the trooper's bedroom window just missing the baby's bassinet. The suspect had mistakenly believed the residence belonged to an acquaintance. During the investigation it was learned that the acquaintance had been receiving harassing phone calls from the suspect. The intended victim received a call from the suspect who made threats that he would use a firearm against the victim.*

*After further investigation an affidavit and arrest warrant was obtained for the arrest of the suspect who was making the threatening telephone calls and also made admissions about causing damage to the house. Members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested the suspect who was located in his basement hiding behind a washing machine. The subject was arrested on charges of malicious damage and harassing phone calls.*

*During the month of May, the complainant of the harassing calls received another telephone call from the suspect. The suspect threatened the victim again and attempted to extort money from the person. The suspect demanded payment so he could pay his court fines associated with the April*

*arrest. The suspect, knowing that the victim lived near a State Trooper, threatened he would use a firearm and “shoot the house up”.*

*The Violent Fugitive Task Force taped several telephone conversations between the victim and the suspect whereas he continually made threats. Based on further investigation an arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect charging him with extortion. Later that month the suspect was re-arrested on the new charge of extortion after a sting operation was set-up in which the suspect believed he was meeting the victim to get the money he demanded.*

# ***AUTO THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD UNIT***

## ***LIEUTENANT DAVID S. PALMER***

*The Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud unit is under the command of Lieutenant David S. Palmer a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division. This Unit is currently comprised of a lieutenant, a sergeant, three detectives and one civilian investigator.*

*The Unit is responsible for the investigation of crimes involving the theft and other unauthorized use of motor vehicles, as well as automobile related insurance fraud. In addition, the Unit provides assistance to other units within the Detective Bureau, as well as providing support to the department's uniform members in areas such as vehicle identification, document authenticity, and investigations that remain at the barracks level.*

*The Unit also provides support and works as a liaison to investigators with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicle's Enforcement Division with identifying vehicles through the use of secondary points of identification, and with the inspection of vehicles through the state's "salvage inspection" program. The Unit also provides assistance to both the Insurance and Body Shop/Salvage Divisions within the Department of Business Regulations in the oversight of Automobile Body Shops and Auto Salvage Wrecking Yards.*

*The Auto Theft Unit has been aggressive in initiating proactive investigations into large-scale insurance fraud cases, the operation of automotive "chop shops," and groups of individuals involved in large-scale theft and "retagging operations."*

*During the past year, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit investigated one hundred twenty seven (127) cases. These investigations included insurance fraud, possession of stolen motor vehicles, recovered stolen motor vehicles, and obtaining money under false pretenses. These investigations resulted in the arrest of fifty-five (55) subjects. Stolen motor vehicle investigations throughout the year resulted in the recovery of sixty-one (61) stolen motor vehicles having a total value of three hundred five thousand dollars (\$305,000). Fraud investigations resulted in the arrest of individuals who collected a total of three hundred nineteen thousand two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$319,253) dollars in illegitimate funds. These complaints are forwarded to the Auto Theft Unit by investigators from the Department of Labor and Training and involve people who are collecting unemployment compensation and are found also to be working.*

### **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

*During the month of July, 2005 a confidential informant advised the Auto Theft Unit of an insurance fraud case involving the theft of a stolen 34 foot Rinker 310 inboard/outboard motor boat. The informant advised that a suspect residing in Bristol, Rhode Island was in possession of a boat, which was described as a 34-foot cabin cruiser. The boat could be located in the parking lot of an industrial park at 500 Wood St., Bristol. The confidential informant advised that the suspect had disclosed that he had come into possession of the boat as a result of an insurance "give up". The suspect advised the confidential informant that he had conspired with the owners of the boat to remove the boat from a location in Providence, Rhode Island, and report the boat stolen in order to*

collect from an insurance policy, which valued the boat at approximately \$100,000 dollars. The suspect further advised that at the right time he would alter the boat's hull identification numbers, obtain a title and then register the boat for resale.

Auto Theft Unit members responded to the aforementioned industrial park and located a 2001 Rinker 34 foot boat on blocks. The boats identification numbers were checked through NCIC files, which revealed the boat was reported stolen to the Providence Police Department in 2002.

Upon arrival of the Auto Theft Unit to the industrial park after mapping out a tow route, it was discovered that the boat had been removed from the parking lot. Further investigation revealed that a subject from Warren, Rhode Island had obtained a key to the gated parking lot and towed the boat. Information was further obtained on this subject and his whereabouts.

Detectives located the subject and he immediately became extremely nervous and was visibly shaken. This subject admitted that he had assisted in storing the stolen boat and he knew who the subject was who had obtained possession of the boat as a result of an insurance fraud plot involving a subject from the Providence area.

Auto Theft Unit members continued their investigation and through cell phone records linking the subject who removed the boat, to the subject who had requested the boat be removed, a third party was identified. An affidavit/arrest warrant was obtained for the three suspects who were located and placed under arrest. The main suspect in the boat theft gave a taped statement to detectives admitting to the insurance "give up" and to the other suspects participation. All three suspects were charged with receiving stolen goods and conspiracy to receive stolen goods.

# **CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION UNIT**

*LIEUTENANT DENNIS E. PINCINCE*

*The Rhode Island State Police Criminal Identification Unit is responsible for maintenance of criminal records and the dissemination of this information to authorized parties. The Unit also is responsible for processing crime scenes, technical forensic services such as the development of latent fingerprints / comparisons, footwear and tire comparisons, forensic video analysis, voice enhancement, specialized forensic photography and assisting local police agencies with forensic investigations.*

## **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

*During the month of February 2005, the Narcotics Unit investigated and charged three individuals with Possession of Marijuana in excess of 5 Kilograms, Possession with Intent to Deliver Scheduled I Controlled Substance and Possession of a Firearm while in Possession of a Controlled Substance. As a result of this arrest, the Criminal Identification Unit processed forty-seven clear plastic bags of marijuana. The bags were photographed and chemically processed with a fluorescent dye stain. The bags were then examined utilizing an alternate light source (Polilight) for latent ridge impressions. Sixteen latent ridge impressions were developed, photographed and preserved for future comparisons. Of the sixteen partial latent ridge impressions, six proved to have sufficient detail for identification purposes.*

*The six latent ridge impressions were then compared to the known rolled inked fingerprints of the three subjects arrested by the Narcotics Unit, however identification was not effected. In an attempt to identify the unknown latent ridge impressions, the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) was utilized. A suspect was generated and the known rolled inked fingerprint card was obtained from the Rhode Island Bureau of Criminal Identification. In comparing the latents against the known rolled inked prints, a positive identification was made on three of the developed latents from the marijuana bags on a subject not previously arrested by the Narcotics Unit. The subject was checked through NCIC and was found to be an illegal re-entry into the United States. Based on the fingerprint identification, a federal arrest warrant was obtained from the US Attorney's Office.*

*In September 2005, the United States Marshall's arrested the subject in the City of New York and he became the fourth co-defendant for this narcotics investigation.*

# **PROPERTY CONTROL OFFICER**

**LIEUTENANT LINDA A. BAILEY**

Lieutenant Linda A. Bailey is a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and is charged with the control of found, recovered and evidentiary property. This is critically important in investigative areas and in the proper handling, security and disposition of property.

During 2005, the following narcotics and narcotic samples were received from the Rhode Island Department of Health. These narcotics and samples were a result of seizures made by the Uniform and Detective Bureaus and include, marijuana, cocaine, heroin and miscellaneous narcotics:

274 packages from Toxicology

The following is the total number of weapons received from the Uniform and Detective Bureau and the total number of weapons returned:

Weapons Seized	136
Weapons Returned	57

The following is the total number of vehicles that were seized by the Uniform and Detective Bureau and the total number of vehicles returned and forfeited.

Vehicles Seized	22
Vehicles Returned	49
Vehicles Forfeited	2

The following miscellaneous evidence was received from the Uniform and Detective Bureaus. This evidence includes items that were seized along with weapons, narcotics, and other investigations:

Miscellaneous	477 Items
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The following evidence was returned. This evidence would include miscellaneous evidence that involved narcotics, weapons and investigations:

Evidence Returned	168 Items
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The following is the amount of evidence that was destroyed:

Evidence Destroyed	6,202 Items	253 weapons
	Narcotics (2,780 toxicology samples)	104 pounds of cocaine
	259 pounds of marijuana	11 pounds of heroin
	3,065 assorted pills	

# *ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES*

*MAJOR JOSEPH R. MIECH*

*ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: MRS. KIMBERLEY ASSELIN*

*Major Joseph R. Miech, a twenty (20) year veteran of the Division, is the Major of Administrative Services. Major Miech possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University along with a Master of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University. Major Miech is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and of Leadership Rhode Island.*

*The Major – Administrative Services is responsible for the personnel and fiscal management of the Division and is ultimately accountable for the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) and the state's connection to the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS). Responsibilities also include overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Division's administrative units. The Major also acts as the liaison with the Rhode Island Troopers' Association and civilian unions pertaining to issues and concerns of sworn and civilian personnel. On-going contract negotiations with the Rhode Island Troopers' Association have been taking place during the year with both sides committed to finding resolution on a number of issues.*

*The past year was exciting with regards to technology. The Division assisted with the implementation of the Washington County 800 MHz Radio System. This radio system, being put into service by the Narragansett Police Department, utilizes many of the Rhode Island State Police's radio towers and microwave circuits. With other sections of the state expected to come on-line over the course of the next few years, this system has great potential for statewide interoperability.*

*As directed by Colonel Pare, the Major – Administrative Services has been chairing a committee of RISP administrators and Troopers' Association representatives tasked with developing an acceptable promotional system. This committee has been working diligently to construct both a fair and objective promotional system with the hope of attaining approval sometime in 2006.*

*As chair of the Training Committee, Major Miech has increased the number of hours of instruction for annual in-service training. This expanded training included various topics such as terrorism, biased-based policing, crowd control, dealing with persons with mental health problems, ethics, CPR, blood borne pathogens, legal updates, use of force along with numerous shooting scenarios and firearm qualifications. The Division has also received training on the National Incident Management System through an on-line course with the Massachusetts State Police.*

*Concerning building projects, the new Headquarters project and RISP museum have taken a considerable amount of time. Currently, the new Headquarters project is through the Design and Development phase and nearing the Construction Document phase. Groundbreaking is expected for late 2006 with completion sometime in 2008. Furthermore, the RISP museum continues to move forward with an expected grand opening in the spring of 2006.*

*Other duties include representing Rhode Island at the national SEARCH committee, serving on the Justice Link project and the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Training Task Force Committee.*

# ***TRAFFIC SERVICES/PLANNING AND RESEARCH UNIT***

***LIEUTENANT ERIC C. LARIVIERE***

**SERGEANT KAREN PINCH  
CORPORAL ROBERT CARNEVALE, RI TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL  
TROOPER ANN ASSUMPICO**

*The Traffic Services / Planning & Research Unit is under the command of Lieutenant Eric C. LaRiviere, a sixteen (16) year veteran of the Division. Lieutenant LaRiviere has served at every barracks and also on Block Island.*

*In a constant effort to improve highway safety throughout the State, the Unit continues to work closely with the Department of Transportation's Office of Highway Safety. In 2005 the Unit was responsible for representing the Division on various national, state, local and private organizations and committees regarding highway safety issues. These include, the National "Operation C.A.R.E." coalition, State Traffic Commission, Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Committee, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the commission for the Care and Safety of the Elderly, and the Rhode Island SafeKids Coalition Executive Board.*

*Another essential aspect of the Division's highway safety enforcement is educational components involving child passenger safety programs. These programs are designed to educate citizens and visitors of our state regarding seat belt and child restraint safety and to increase safety belt usage in Rhode Island.*

*This year the Unit has taken on overseeing the Rhode Island Safe Kids Coalition which educates and promotes child passenger safety. As the guiding agency for Rhode Island Safe Kids, the Unit works and coordinates with local police agencies in all aspects of child passenger safety checkpoints and events.*

*The Division currently has nine members certified as child passenger safety technicians. Two of our sworn members and one civilian member are instructors in the forty-hour course required to become a technician. These child passenger safety technicians are experts regarding the proper installation of child safety seats. These members are available on a daily basis upon request and will inspect child restraint seat installation when requested by the motoring public. During 2005, Division technicians participated in numerous child safety seat checkup events held throughout the State. This program has received tremendous support from the public and is an important aspect regarding the Divisions' goal towards improving child passenger safety in the State of Rhode Island.*

*The Unit continues to oversee a full-time member assigned to the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal as Court Prosecution Officer. The duties of the Division's Prosecution Office include the dissemination and collection of Tribunal summonses and handling all arraignments for motorists who appear before the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for Division issued summonses. The Prosecution Officer also schedules Division trials, if requested by the motorists, at the arraignment. The Prosecution Officer represents the Division at motion hearings, appeals, as well as answering any and all discovery and inspection requests filed by motorists or their attorneys for all Division related Traffic*

*Tribunal matters. The Prosecution Officer acts as the liaison with the staff at the Traffic Tribunal and has varied clerical and administrative assignments as well.*

*The Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit will continue its effort to implement progressive and innovative changes in the field of law enforcement. In addition, the Unit researches and develops new technical and administrative programs that will enhance the future organizational growth of the Division. Furthermore, the Unit is also charged with the responsibility of planning and organizing various events such as: the yearly Memorial Ceremony, Media Educational Summits and department promotional events.*

*The Unit is also responsible for the Rhode Island State Police internship program. During 2005, several interns from colleges and universities throughout New England were given the opportunity to serve with the Division. Additionally, the State Police has hosted several high school students in Job Shadowing programs. This program allows high school students who are interested in a career in law enforcement to spend several hours during a school day with a trooper in an attempt to learn what a trooper does over the course of a day.*

*Additional responsibilities of the Unit include collecting and compiling statistical information regarding the Division and the circulation of all data and planning information in a timely manner. The Unit is also accountable for the creation, compilation, and production of the Division's Annual Report and goals and objectives.*

# ***MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN UNIT***

***MR. STEVEN A. LOYNDS  
MANAGER***

*Mr. Steven A. Loynds is the Administrative Assistant in charge of the Missing and Exploited Children Unit and has served with the Division for fifteen (15) years. The Missing and Exploited Children Unit processes Missing Person (Children) reports received from forty-six law enforcement agencies throughout the State. These reports are verified as active in NCIC (National Crime Information Center) and are then entered into a database, from which reports are generated on a regular basis. These reports are also sent to the forty-six law enforcement agencies, which validate and verify the status of the individual Missing Children cases. Once a child is returned, the case is removed from NCIC and the Missing Children database.*

*The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington has provided a computer and software to the Unit, which enables it to coordinate with the National Center and with clearinghouses in the other forty-nine states and in many other countries. Through this network, pictures of missing children and other information related to the search for and recovery of missing children is shared. Flyers and data on missing children from the National Center and other agencies are distributed to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The Unit also has educational and informational materials relative to child safety issues, which are available to schools in Rhode Island.*

*During the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, the Unit received a total of 793 missing / runaway juvenile reports from all law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Of those, 17 remain active and 776 were located/returned.*

# **UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING UNIT**

*MRS. LINDA FRACCOLA  
OPERATIONS MANAGER*

*Mrs. Linda Fraccola is the Operations Manager for the Rhode Island State Police and has served with the State Police for nineteen (19) years. She is responsible for the statewide operation of the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit (UCR) and is the crime collection liaison between local law enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The UCR System is the State's crime system, which is mandated by Rhode Island General Laws to assemble uniform offense and arrest data from local and state law enforcement agencies, in a form prescribed by the Superintendent.*

*The Rhode Island UCR System conforms to the specifications of the Criminal Justice Information Services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which provides a detailed nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country.*

*With receipt of data covering thirty-nine (39) reporting jurisdictions within the State of Rhode Island, the problems of attaining uniformity are readily apparent. It is the standard operating procedure to examine incoming reports for mathematical accuracy and completeness and perhaps of even greater importance, for reasonableness as a possible indication of error. Regardless of the extent of the statistical verification process used by the UCR Unit, the accuracy of the data assembled under this system depends on the sincere effort exerted by each contributor to meet the necessary standards.*

*This Windows based management system has been programmed to the specifications of the UCR Unit and to detail offenses and arrest data, law enforcement employee counts and other special programs of particular interest. With the use of these computer-generated reports and statistical analysis, the UCR Unit produces an annual publication entitled, "Crime in Rhode Island." The UCR Unit then assembles, publishes and distributes the statistics to criminal justice agencies, the general assembly and public research groups.*

*"Crime in Rhode Island" can be obtained by downloading through the Rhode Island State Police Home Page at [www.risp.state.ri.us/](http://www.risp.state.ri.us/) by navigating to the Crime Statistics Link.*

# *TRAINING ACADEMY*

*SERGEANT JAMES M. MANNI  
STAFF: CORPORAL WILFRED K. HILL*

*The Training Academy is under the command of Sergeant James M. Manni, a (16) year veteran of the Division who is responsible for all training activities.*

*The Training Academy is located at 64 Winsor Road in the Town of Foster and staff are responsible for conducting the Rhode Island State Police Basic Instruction School, all in-service training for members of the Division, selected regional law enforcement conferences and continuing education courses in law enforcement. The Training Academy also coordinates training with the other New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC) Trainers.*

*The Training Academy handles a variety of public service functions on behalf of the Division such as conducting career awareness programs at many area high schools and colleges in Rhode Island as part of a continuing effort to attract qualified candidates for the Rhode Island State Police.*

*In January of 2005, the Division continued its mandatory In-Service Training Program that is designed to provide sworn members with all In-Service Training Courses in four (4) phases facilitated throughout the calendar year.*

*Phase I consisted of ten (10), thirteen (13) hour sessions on Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, (CPR), Legal Updates, Ethics, Use of Force Continuum / Weaponless Control Techniques, Cap-Stun Training, Narcotics Identification, Blood borne Pathogens, Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Training, Investigative Procedure. Phase II consisted of twelve (12), eight (8) hour sessions on Firearms Training / Annual Qualifications. Phase III consisted of twelve (12), thirteen (13) hour sessions on Biased Based Policing, Juvenile Issues, Division Pursuit Policy, Mental Health Issues, Crowd & Riot Control, Terrorism, Ground Fighting, SWAT Techniques, Firearms Training (Simmunitions), Felony Vehicle Stops / Building Searches), and Phase IV consisted of ten (10), thirteen (13) hour sessions on FATS / Shotgun / Night Firing, Ground Fighting / Weapon Retention, Felony Car Stop / Simmunitions, Traffic Stop Investigations, HAZMAT Personal Protective Equipment.*

*On January 21, 2005, the Division graduated thirty-four (34) recruits from the Training Academy. Upon graduation from the academy, the newly sworn troopers then entered the Field Training Officer Program, which pairs them with an experienced, "seasoned" Trooper. All thirty-four (34) newly appointed Troopers successfully completed the Field Training Officer Program, and have now joined the existing rank and file to protect and serve the citizens of the State of Rhode Island.*

*The Training Academy's goal is to ensure that the Rhode Island State Police remain at the forefront of law enforcement training in order to serve and protect the citizens of our state.*

# **FISCAL OFFICE**

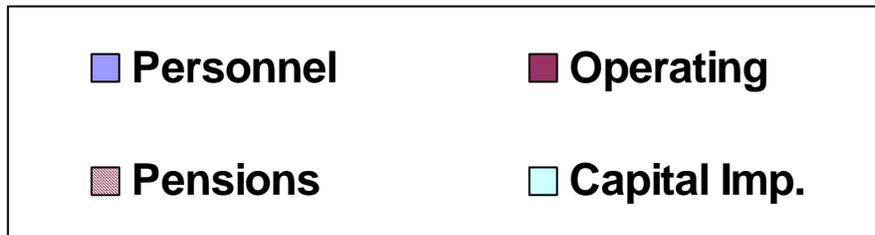
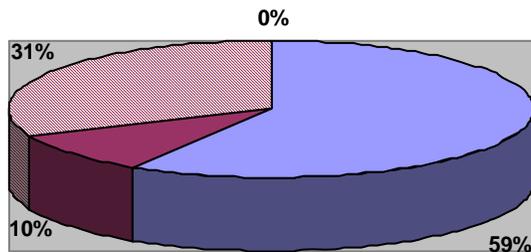
*MRS. ELAINE RICHARDS  
DIRECTOR*

*ASSISTANT: MRS. DAWN MURPHY*

Mrs. Elaine Richards is the Director of Fiscal Management for the Rhode Island State Police and has been employed in the Fiscal Office since 1983. In this position, she is responsible for overseeing the staff accounting and fiscal management of the Division. Through her office, the Division's budget is projected and monitored in conjunction with the State's Budget Office. Incorporated with these duties is the additional responsibility of reviewing and processing all purchases made by the Division along with the maintenance of the personnel employment records and payroll activities. Mrs. Richards is also responsible for developing, budgeting and implementing the capital improvement projects for the Division.

## **Expenditures – All Funds**

**Fiscal Year 2005**  
**\$46,460,587**



# *TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES UNIT*

*LIEUTENANT PAMELA C. ICART*

*Lieutenant Pamela C. Icart is the officer in charge of the Division's Technology and Communication Unit. Lt. Icart has been a member of the Division for 20 years, serving in the past as the Patrol Commander at the Wickford Barracks. She serves as the Chair for the Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Curriculum Committee on the DVSA Task Force, the Sex Offender Management Task Force, she is the Division's representative on the Governor's Commission on Prejudice and Bias, is a member of the Governor's Justice Commission's Technical Advisory Committee and is the Co-Director for the Law Enforcement Torch Run Committee.*

*The Technology and Communication Unit is comprised of the RILETS/NCIC Control Section, Management Information Systems, the Records Management Systems (RMS), and the Radio Communications Unit, all of which are located on the Headquarters Complex in North Scituate.*

# ***RADIO SERVICES***

*MR. THOMAS CROTTY, DIRECTOR*

*STAFF: MR. STEPHEN FRIEDRICH - NETWORK TECHNICAL SPECIALIST  
MR. ROBERT P. GODIN – ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN*

*Mr. Thomas Crotty is the Director of Radio Communications and has served with the Division for over nine (9) years. He is responsible for the performance of the Rhode Island State Police radio communication systems. The radio systems provide voice and data communications for the Division and are supported by thirteen (13) communication sites located throughout the state. The system also supports radio traffic for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Department of Environmental Management, and the Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Center. The tower sites support radio systems used by the FBI, US Coast Guard, FAA, NOAA and other governmental agencies.*

*As the microwave and VHF radio communications systems are the lifeline of the Rhode Island State Police, it is imperative that the systems are at an optimum level of performance at all times. The staff inspects and monitors all communication sites on a regular basis to insure that the systems are kept at the highest level of reliability. Radio Services is also responsible for the installation and repair of the fleet emergency systems that include emergency lights, radio equipment, mobile data and radar units.*

*Radio Services is currently involved in projects to increase radio coverage, upgrade transmission sites and improve services to the fleet. Radio Services is also supporting the Washington County 800 Mhz radio system, Northern Rhode Island 800 MHz system and continues to upgrade facilities expansion of services.*

# ***MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS***

*MR. JAMES SHEA  
DIRECTOR*

**Assistants:**           ***Ms. Carol Darigan  
Mr. Rafael Tejada  
Mr. William Guy  
Mr. Glenn Lawrence***

*The Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit maintains the operation and enhancement of the Rhode Island State Police's Wide Area Network. This network encompasses the entire state, consisting of five barracks, the Financial Crimes Unit, the Training academy, several remote sites, and the Headquarters complex located in North Scituate. The Unit manages over sixteen servers, two hundred plus users, and several miles of fiber optic and twisted pair cabling.*

*The MIS Unit has been hard at work focusing on the replacement of an aging bridged networking backbone. This system has been replaced using technology for CISCO systems through a competitive bidding process. The system was installed and a major network redesign was implemented throughout the state.*

*Currently we are focusing on the replacement of older model mobile computing stations that will be able to handle the software requirements of newer more agile software programs that will allow the trooper in the car more information on which to base information and increase overall efficiency.*

*The Management Information Systems Unit will continue its efforts in keeping the Rhode Island State Police current in its technology. This will enable the State Police to utilize its technology in its mission to provide Law Enforcement to the people of Rhode Island in the "Service of the State".*

# **RILETS/NCIC CONTROL SECTION**

*MISS JOAN COLLINS  
SUPERVISOR*

*Miss Joan Marie Collins is the supervisor of the RILETS/ Telecommunications Unit. She has served with the State Police for thirteen (13) years, starting as a Telecommunicator in November of 1992.*

*The RILETS/ Telecommunications Unit operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, accessing several databases for information regarding wanted/missing persons, stolen property, criminal histories, vehicle registrations, and driver's licenses. The fundamental information and support provided by the Unit is essential for the safety of the troopers and other police officers.*

*Assistance is provided to municipal police departments, state, and federal agencies, concerning policies and procedures for the NCIC, NLETS, and RILETS systems. The Unit also assists the agencies with any problems that they may encounter with the systems, including hardware or software concerns, and frame relay failures. There were 1,526 calls for assistance logged during 2005. In addition, the unit monitors and directs both incoming and outgoing interstate message traffic to ensure that they are properly formatted and directed to the correct destinations.*

*The Unit is responsible for maintaining Affidavit and Arrest Warrants for the State Police, conducting intensive backgrounds through database searches, processing the monthly NCIC validations, obtaining out-of-state criminal history information for authorized state programs, and monitoring the National Alert Warning Systems telephones and R.I. Emergency Management Agency radios for emergency and testing situations.*

*During the past year, the Unit performed a total of 120,710 computer checks for Division members. These checks resulted in 330 confirmed NCIC hits and 1,940 confirmed hits from the Rhode Island state files.*

## **UNIT STAFF**

*Mr. Paul Johnson  
Mr. Emil Leduc  
Ms. Susan Walsh  
Ms. Colleen Noonan  
Mr. Richard Peck*

# ***TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT***

*MR. BRIAN GLANCY  
DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS*

**Staff: Mr. Gordon Roberts  
Training & Auditing Specialist**

*Mr. Brian Glancy is the Director of Telecommunications and has been employed by the Rhode Island State Police since 1972. He has the responsibility for both the Technical Services Unit and the RILETS Telecommunications. The Technical Services Unit is responsible for the operation, maintenance and programming of the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System. The RILETS System is the state's law enforcement and criminal justice information network and delivers documented law enforcement and criminal justice information to all local, state and federal law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in Rhode Island. The RILETS System is operational twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year. The RILETS Telecommunications Unit operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provides timely criminal justice related information to State Police personnel. The unit also provides and maintains the RILETS help desk and is responsible for monitoring the status of RILETS, its message traffic and its interfaced systems on a continuing basis.*

*The RILETS System is directly interfaced to: the FBI's National Crime Information Center, which provides on-line information on wanted/missing persons, stolen property and criminal history record information; the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), which provides law enforcement message switching services among the fifty (50) states; the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General which provides automated Criminal History Information; the Rhode Island Judicial Information System, which provides real time criminal warrant information to authorized users; the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles, which provides automated vehicle registration, driver's license and driver history information; and the National Weather Service, which provides automated weather updates to all RILETS Users.*

*The RILETS Network was upgraded in 2002 to the latest technologies and the entire RILETS hardware and software platform was replaced in 2003. The new RILETS System provides a greatly enhanced capability to run investigative off-line searches. Off-line searches aid law enforcement investigations by retrieving old data, or information not currently available on the on-line RILETS Network. The new RILETS also provides a greatly enhanced statistical package that produces more detailed analysis of system usage and performance.*

*The Technical Services Unit is responsible for the Mobile Data Terminals in the State Police patrol vehicles and most local law enforcement agencies. The Mobile Terminal Controllers are directly connected to the RILETS System and provides real time information on wanted persons, stolen vehicles and registry information. The Mobile Terminal Controllers also provide car to car and base to car messaging directly to State Police Mobile Units, thus eliminating the need for inquiries to be conducted over voice radio.*

*In 2005 most of the mobile data computers equipped RILETS user agencies, and the State Police migrated to the new CDMA/1XRTT Wireless Technology, which provided faster and more reliable mobile network connectivity. In addition, many of the RILETS user agencies, and the State Police migrated to a new mobile workstation client, which provides enhanced electronic access to the agencies internal case files, and automated lookups against RILETS.*

*2005 marked many enhancements to the Rhode Island / Connecticut Automated Fingerprint Identification System. Many new Live Scan devices were installed in user agencies, and connected to the AFIS System, via the RILETS Network. The AFIS System, located in Middletown, Connecticut, and interconnected to the Rhode Island Criminal History Repository, and all Rhode Island Criminal Justice Agencies, and the FBI CJIS Division IAFIS, via the RILETS Network, provides instantaneous responses on both criminal and civil electronic fingerprint submissions, as well as latent fingerprint images.*

*Mr. Glancy is the CJIS/NCIC Control Terminal Officer for Rhode Island and is the Rhode Island NLETS Representative. Mr. Glancy is a member of the FBI CJIS Advisory Policy Board and is currently serving as 1st Vice Chairman of the FBI's CJIS/NCIC Northeast Regional Working Group. Mr. Glancy is also a member of the FBI CJIS Advisory Policy Board's National Crime Information Center Subcommittee. Mr. Glancy is Second Vice President of the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, and a member of the NLETS Technical and Operations Committee. Mr. Glancy is also a member of the RI Justice Commission's Justice Link Technical Advisory Committee and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council, Communications Working Group.*

*Mr. Glancy also serves as the State Police liaison to the Washington County Interoperable Communications Project. In 2004, the contract for the Washington County Interoperable Radio System was awarded to Motorola, Inc, and installation is complete in many communities. Funding has been secured, and installation is underway to expand the system to Newport and Kent Counties. Parallel projects are also underway in Providence, and Northern Rhode Island, which will expand the Washington County Interoperable System to a Statewide Interoperable Communications System.*

# ***PERSONNEL/FLEET OFFICER/SUPPLY UNIT***

*SERGEANT ARNOLD S. BUXTON, JR.*

**Maintenance:**      **Mr. David Padula**  
                                 **Mr. Vincent Snurkowski**  
                                 **Mr. Dennis Zirola, Jr.**

*Sergeant Arnold Buxton has 15 years experience with the Division and serves as the Division's Personnel and Fleet Officer. He is responsible for administrating the Division's Performance Appraisal Management System (PAMS) and is the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program Manager. The PAMS requires annual performance appraisals of all sworn and civilian personnel, as well as probationary and post promotional appraisals of Division members. The FTO Program monitors the progress of new troopers through the evaluation of trained, experienced troopers.*

*The Personnel Officer also processes all uniform requests and subsequent uniform/gear distribution. The compilation of all sworn members vacation time, sick leave, military status and other leave information is also the responsibility of the Personnel Officer.*

*Sergeant Buxton also serves as the Division Fleet Manager. He is responsible for new vehicle specifications, emergency equipment, laptop computer installation, in-car video installation as well as repairs and maintenance of the fleet.*

*Sergeant Buxton is also responsible for the Supply Services, and maintenance personnel.*

# **CHARITABLE GAMING UNIT**

**MRS. NANCY CARLTON  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Nancy Carlton is Administrative Assistant for the Charitable Gaming Unit. She has been employed in that position since March of 2004. Lieutenant LeRoy Rose is the Superintendent's Designee for the Charitable Gaming Unit.

Rhode Island General Law gives the Division of State Police both regulatory and enforcement authority over all charitable gaming activity conducted in Rhode Island. At the present time, raffles and bingos are the only games allowed. The Charitable Gaming Unit serves citizens from all walks of life. For many, it is the only contact they ever have with the Rhode Island State Police. Most of the charitable and non-profit organizations in Rhode Island are in contact with this unit.

Mrs. Carlton is responsible for reviewing and authorizing all applications for charitable gaming events. She provides assistance to the applicants in this process. She answers questions and provides information to the general public as well as to other State agencies, local police departments, and members of the legal community. All raffle applications require dual approval from the Chief of Police of the city or town in which the drawing is held and the State Police. The Charitable Gaming Unit works closely with all local police departments. All organizations must file a financial report with the State Police after the drawing is held. During 2005, 1,053 authorizations were granted permission to conduct a raffle.

The amount of money wagered on bingo in Rhode Island has fallen dramatically since the opening of the Indian casinos in Connecticut in the early 1990's. This decrease in income reflects a trend that is going on nationwide. The number of organizations conducting weekly bingo in our State has dropped from sixty-five in 1990 to twenty-three in 2005. The General Assembly attempted to remedy this situation in 1998 by increasing the amount of money that could be awarded as prizes at a bingo from \$4,250 to \$6,050 per night. In July 2005, the General Assembly again increased the amount of money to be awarded in prizes during bingo to \$7,500 per night; however, most charitable organizations do not take in the gross receipts needed to pay out \$7,500 per night. In 2005, eighty-four senior citizen organizations were granted authorization to conduct bingo on a regular basis and thirty-three organizations were granted approval to conduct recreational or one-time bingo games. All together, one hundred seventeen organizations were authorized to conduct bingo in 2005.

## **CANINE UNIT**

*The Canine Unit is comprised of nine sworn members and nine canines. The Canine Unit is under the direct supervision of the Operations Officer, Lt. David Hayden. During 2005, Detective Barry retired his patrol/narcotics K-9 "Bandit" after eight years of dedicated service. The Unit also added one new member to the search and rescue program, Trooper Scott Carlsten and his K-9 "Bear."*

*This Unit has the capability of offering a wide range of services. Those services include bomb detection, patrol work, narcotic detection, cadaver detection and search and rescue. Aside from being utilized by the Division on a regular basis, members of this Unit were deployed to assist several federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.*

*The Unit conducted a total of 380 narcotic searches. These narcotic searches resulted in the seizure of 300 pounds of Marijuana, 30 pounds of Cocaine and two pounds of Heroin. The Unit also seized 7 vehicles and a total of \$125,000.00 in United States Currency. There were 30 cadaver searches and ten area searches for lost or missing persons. The patrol canines conducted eleven tracking searches resulting in 4 apprehensions of criminal suspects, as well as five article searches resulting in the seizure of pertinent evidence. There were a total of 10 bomb searches conducted at various locations throughout the State. The Unit participated in 46 public speaking / demonstrations for a variety of civic groups and organizations.*

*In December of 2005, at the request of the Providence Police Department, one of our patrol canines apprehended a career criminal that was actively wanted in connection with an armed car jacking.*

### **Canine Unit Personnel**

#### **Lt. David Hayden**

*Cpl. Kelsey Marshall  
Cpl. Matthew Zarrella*

*Trp. Roger Reardon  
Trp. Erik Jones  
Trp. Ronald Longolucco  
Trp. Thomas Jaques  
Trp. Matthew Moynihan  
Trp. Scott Carlsten  
Trp. Peter Filuminia*

#### **Unit Supervisor**

*K-9 Mick - Labrador retriever – Narcotics Detection  
K-9 Max, K-9 Eva - German Shepherds/  
Cadaver, Search & Rescue, Unit Coordinator/Trainer  
Unit Coordinator / Trainer Patrol/Narcotics  
K-9 Moe - Belgian Malinois / Patrol/Narcotics  
K-9 Ajax - Belgian Malinois / Bomb Detection  
K-9 Hap - German Shepherd / Bomb Detection  
K-9 Axel – German Shepherd / Patrol / Narcotics  
K-9 Bear – German Shepherd / Search and Rescue  
K-9 Eison – German Shepherd / Patrol / Narcotics*

## ***DIVE TEAM***

*The Dive Team is composed of seven (7) sworn troopers who are dive certified through the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI). The Dive Team is utilized in the search and recovery of drowning victims along with underwater/coastal searches of all types of evidence.*

*A federal Homeland Security Grant of \$200,000.00 was awarded to the Division with the intention to purchase a 27-foot Safe Boat, along with several new SCUBA dry suits for the Division Underwater Recovery Unit. The vessel was originally intended to serve as a dive platform upon Narragansett Bay and surrounding waters, thereby eliminating the need to call upon other public service agencies for assistance. While underway and conducting inspections, the new vessel will also create a visual deterrent and a law enforcement presence to the Pell, Jamestown and Mount Hope bridges, all desirable terrorist targets.*

*Members of the Underwater Recovery Unit researched several vessel sizes and makes and determined that due to the United States Coast Guard's extended use of foam collared vessels, that a 27' Safe Boat should be strongly considered. At the time of the research, the Coast Guard had recently ordered 700 of these vessels. This vessel is equipped with a foam collar, as opposed to an inflatable, thereby rendering it extremely durable and resistant to wear or intentional destruction. It also has a fully enclosed, heated cabin, which is able to protect many occupants from harsh elements at any time of the year. Once the choice for this vessel was made, it was ordered with RADAR, underwater topographical sensor and communications so that it could be operated in any form of weather or reduced visibility.*

*Anticipating the arrival of the new boat, Unit members were granted permission to attend a forty-hour basic patrol boat operator's course hosted by Massachusetts State Police. This course was selected because the Massachusetts State Police have a full time marine unit with countless hours of training and experience as well as creating an invaluable cohesion of our two units that will fall under the NESPAAC guidelines. From March 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Unit members satisfactorily performed the following objectives:*

- 1. Navigate safely using nautical charts by applying pilotage, dead reckoning, and electronic navigation methods.*
- 2. Know, understand and apply the nautical rules of the road.*
- 3. Have a basic understanding of onboard electronics including chart plotter GPS and RADAR.*
- 4. Demonstrate the safe operation of vessels at fast and slow speeds, docking and undocking, safe deployment and recovery of divers, safe deployment and recovery of vessels from trailers, taking other vessels along side, boarding in open water and towing other vessels.*
- 5. Know, understand and apply proper radio protocol including the proper channels needed for communicating with the USCG.*

## 6. Navigate in low visibility conditions.

On May 17, 2005, the Rhode Island State Police vessel "2705" was launched into Rhode Island waters and harbored at Brewers Yacht Yard, Warwick, RI. From May 22 through 28, 2005, Unit members applied the knowledge gained from the above training and engaged in another forty hours of training, including boat familiarization and handling, navigation in daylight and night time, joint training with USCG and RIDEM, area familiarization. This additional training was utilized in order to maximize our proficiency during boat operations so the Division appears as professional underway as it does elsewhere. Training dates were also scheduled twice per month in addition to actual boat operations for the remainder of the year.

Once the training was completed, it was conveyed to the administration that the boat was considered to be fully operational. Since then, the vessel has been underway thirty times for training, dive missions, Homeland Security missions in the form of bridge inspections, ferry escorts and Governor security related objectives. The vessel has assisted the USCG, RIDEM and local harbor masters with patrols during the RI Air show, Folk and Jazz Festivals, Governor's Bay Day as well as the Blessing of the Fleet.

With training acquired from RIDEM, RIDOH, and the Attorney General's office, members proceeded with boating safety patrols that also included the objective of Boating Under the Influence (BUI) enforcement. With four troopers on board as the crew, which includes boat operators and boarding officers, the vessel has been deployed to patrol for impaired boaters on numerous occasions and while doing so has stopped and boarded thirty seven vessels, conducting twenty six field sobriety tests resulting in fourteen registered positive indications of alcohol. Four arrests have been made to date with three cases pending and one conviction resulting in a NOLO plea (\$250 fine to VCIF and a thirty day loss of boating privileges). Members also terminated one unsafe voyage due to the vessel being overloaded with passengers and an insufficient number of personal flotation devices.

Unit members have observed that consumption of alcohol while boating is a frequent occurrence that creates a dangerous and potentially tragic scenario for boaters on Rhode Island waterways. USCG, RIDEM and local harbor masters have repeatedly requested assistance for boating safety patrols from the Division. It is hopeful that funding will become available to assist our fellow law enforcement agencies in the future.

### **Dive Team Members**

Inspector : Elwood Johnson  
Lieutenant: Glenn Skalubinski,  
Detective: Joseph Dubeau  
Troopers: Simon Liu, Richard Swanson and Michael McGlynn

## ***HONOR GUARD UNIT***

*The Honor Guard Unit consists of forty-seven (47) members who are trained in precision military drill and protocol. The Unit is under the direction of Lieutenant David Hayden, the Division's Operations Officer. During 2005, members of the Honor Guard represented the Division in forty one (41) events such as parades, funerals, and opening ceremonies. The Honor Guard Unit has established itself as an award-winning unit and continues to maintain an excellent reputation throughout the New England region.*

### **Unit Members**

*Lieutenants: Hayden, Delaney*

*Sergeants: Sullivan, Quarry*

*Corporals: Tikoian, Hill, Rosa*

*Troopers: Wall, Sikorskyj, Assumpico, Pardington, Coleman, Cunningham, Barry, Dandeneau, E. Jones, Philbin, McKinney, Ruggiero, Gilson, McGlynn, Moriarty, Viera, Alfred, DeMarco, Grassel, K. Jones, Salisbury, Ludovici, LeValley, Gadrow, Grace, Hartwell, Cambio, Watters, Filuminia, Lagor, M. McGehearty, Macera, S. McGehearty, Gazzola, Capone, Brezniak, Tilson, Reilly, Navarro, Corson.*

## ***MOTORCYCLE TEAM***

*The Rhode Island State Police Motorcycle Unit is currently commanded by Sergeant Mark Surtel of the Chepachet Barracks. The unit utilizes six (6) 1993 Harley Davidson Motorcycles for patrol in heavy, dense traffic areas, beach traffic, for special functions and on occasion routine patrol when staffing permits. The motorcycles traveled a total of 4,988 miles in 2005. The motorcycles were used on patrol in the City of Providence this year to assist Providence Police with crowd control at various Providence night clubs and establishments. The motorcycles were also used for the following details in 2005: The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, Annual Aquidneck Island Police Parade in Newport, Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Newport, Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run and the Victims of Domestic Violence Advocacy Motorcycle Run. The Motorcycle Unit may be used on any other occasion deemed necessary and appropriate by the Superintendent. The current Motorcycle Unit members have successfully attended a highly skilled police motorcycle operator's course.*

### ***Motorcycle Team Members***

*Captain: Raymond White  
Lieutenant: Eric LaRiviere  
Sergeants: Mark Surtel, Francis Sullivan III, Scott Hemingway ,Kevin Hawkins  
Corporal: Robert Carnevale  
Troopers: Michael Reynolds, Marc Lidsky, Thomas Peck Jr., Joseph Philbin,  
Ernest McKinney, John Alfred, Simon Liu, John Charbonneau,  
Peter Chabot, Christopher Zarrella, Jeffrey Clark.*

## ***TACTICAL TEAM***

*The Rhode Island State Police Tactical Team has a long established tradition of protecting lives and property of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island. The Tactical Team Commander is Lieutenant Kevin P. Hopkins. The Team was designed for situations when a traditional police response would be inadequate or ineffective.*

*During 2005, the Tactical Team continued its training in many different areas. The Team trained extensively on hostage situations and barricaded subjects. The Team also prepared for high risk warrants, and assisted with the in-service training on crowd control at the Training Academy.*

*Training was also conducted for area searches for armed subjects as well as dignitary protection. The Tactical Team worked well with the Canine Unit and the Hostage Negotiations Team.*

*During 2005, the Tactical Team trained 31 days and had one call-out.*

*Tactical Team members completed training courses in Basic SWAT, Advanced SWAT, Basic Sniper and Advanced Sniper training, and the Team held joint training with the East Providence and East Greenwich SWAT Teams.*

### *Tactical Team Members*

*Lieutenant: Kevin P. Hopkins*

*Sergeant: Robert E. Mackisey*

*Troopers: Joseph Dubeau, Kenneth Bell, Scott Raynes, Gregory Cunningham, Timothy Dandeneau, Scott Lebeau, Derek Borek, John Gibbs, Mark Gilson, Thomas Jaques, Kenneth Moriarty, Christopher Zarrella, Jeffrey L'Heureux, Edward Viera, Kenneth Jones, Erick Yelle, Matthew Salisbury, Thomas Chabot, Kevin Kojoian.*



*The Rhode Island Safe Kids Coalition is the only statewide organization devoted to injury prevention, and provides much needed services to the families and children of our state. In April 2005, the Rhode Island State Police was secured as the new lead agency for Rhode Island Safe Kids. The State Police took over the responsibility from the Rhode Island Department of Health, who had previously served as the lead agency. A new Coordinator was hired, and works under the direction of Sergeant Karen Pinch in the Traffic Services / Planning and Research Unit. Rhode Island Safe Kids is governed by an Executive Committee, that meets quarterly, and votes on all major activities and expenditures. The daily operations of Rhode Island Safe Kids including; Child Passenger Safety (CPS) checkpoints, trainings, and certification activities are organized and managed by the Safe Kids Coordinator, Andrea Richardson, a contract employee of the Division.*

*The Safe Kids Coordinator is responsible for meeting all requirements set forth by the Safe Kids Executive Committee and Safe Kids Worldwide. The coordinator is also responsible for maintaining detailed documentation, and reports of all CPS activities, and providing the required reports to Safe Kids Worldwide, the Department of Transportation's Office on Highway Safety, and the Safe Kids Executive Committee. The Safe Kids Coordinator also maintains, stores, and replenishes an inventory of CPS materials, training manuals, and teaching tools that are used in carrying out CPS checkpoints, training and update courses. In 2005 all materials were moved from their previous location, to a storage area in the Rhode Island State Police National Guard building. Part of this inventory includes a CPS van, which is loaded with all equipment necessary for carrying out CPS checkpoints and events. This van is made available to all police agencies in the State who are carrying out a CPS checkpoint under the guidelines of Safe Kids Worldwide.*

*The Rhode Island State Police currently has 9 child passenger safety technicians, who are available by individual appointments to provide hands-on inspection and education on proper use of child safety seats to the public. These technicians also participate in at least 2 Safe Kids Sponsored events each year to keep their skills up to date, and to maintain their status as experts in the arena of child passenger safety. Three of these technicians are CPS Instructors, two sworn members; Sergeant Karen Pinch, and Trooper Laurie Ludovici, and the current Safe Kids Coordinator, Andrea Richardson. These instructors are responsible for planning, implementing, and carrying out the 40-hour training courses that are necessary to certify all CPS technicians through Safe Kids Worldwide.*

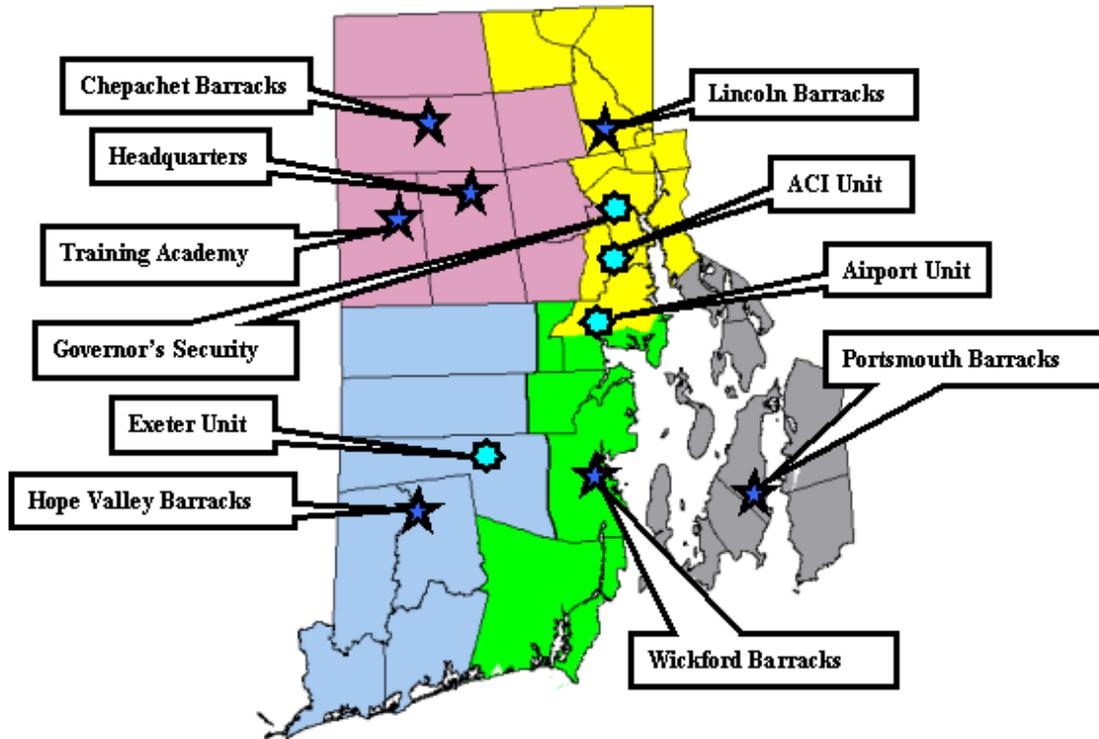
*These instructors also provide CPS education to local police departments, DCYF, agencies, and other organizations on a regular basis to ensure the most up to date CPS information is being utilized. In addition to their responsibilities of instructing new CPS technicians, these instructors are also responsible for ensuring all CPS technicians are current in their knowledge and expertise through exercises and testing at local CPS checkpoints. These instructors serve as experts in CPS changes and updates, which they are responsible for receiving through publications, and CPS update courses and trainings.*

*In October 2005 Rhode Island Safe Kids conducted a 40-hour CPS technical training course, certifying 19 new CPS technicians from local Police Departments, and private agencies. Two 8-hour re-certification courses were held during 2005 re-certifying 19 technicians. In addition to these trainings, 8 CPS checkpoints were carried out, and over 15 other CPS events geared at educating the public were conducted. A total of 164 individual car seat appointments were conducted by RISP CPS technicians in 2005.*

*The following is a listing of all currently certified Rhode Island State Police Child Passenger Safety Technicians:*

*Sgt. Karen Pinch  
Trp. Michael Gill  
Trp. Ann Assumpico  
Trp. Paul Conlon  
Trp. James Pardington  
Trp. Jeffrey Coleman  
Trp. Sean O'Hern  
Trp. Laurie Ludovici  
Andrea Richardson*

# Rhode Island State Police



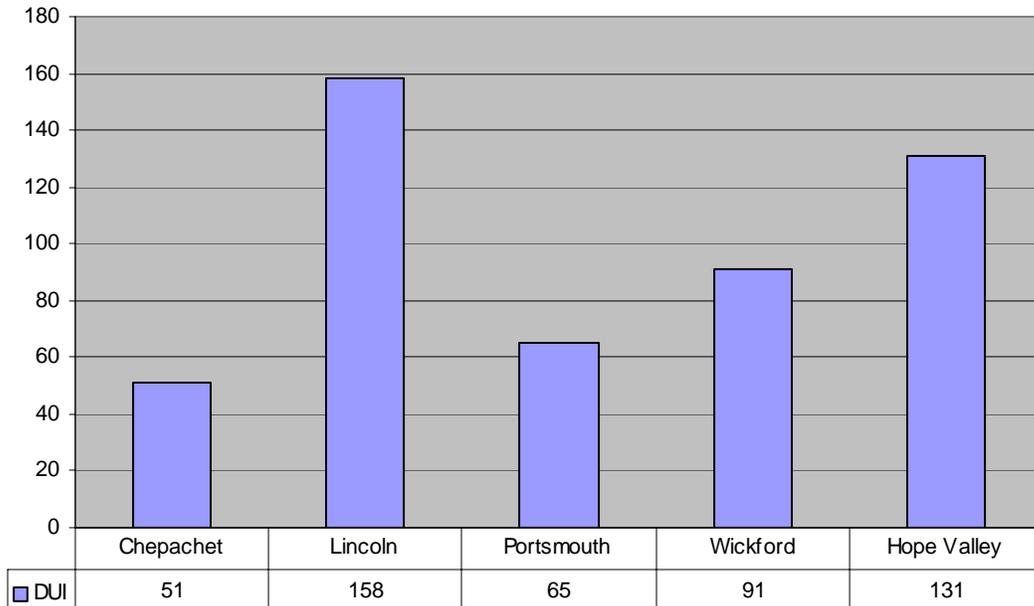
## *STATISTICAL DATA BY BARRACKS - 2005*

	Accidents	Incidents	Arrests	Citations
<b>Chepachet</b>	617	592	523	8973
<b>Lincoln</b>	3507	1105	1755	11516
<b>Detectives</b>	10	737	681	1088
<b>Portsmouth</b>	98	180	330	7151
<b>Wickford</b>	590	544	719	9936
<b>Hope Valley</b>	610	1065	1031	13989
<b>Other</b>	0	0	0	17
<b>Total</b>	5432	4223	5039	52670

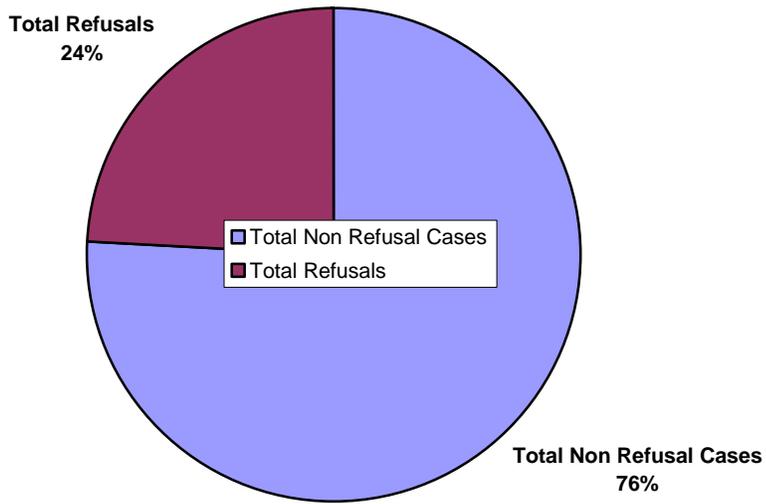
# Driving While Intoxicated

	DUI
<b>Chepachet</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Detectives</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Wickford</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Hope Valley</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>496</b>

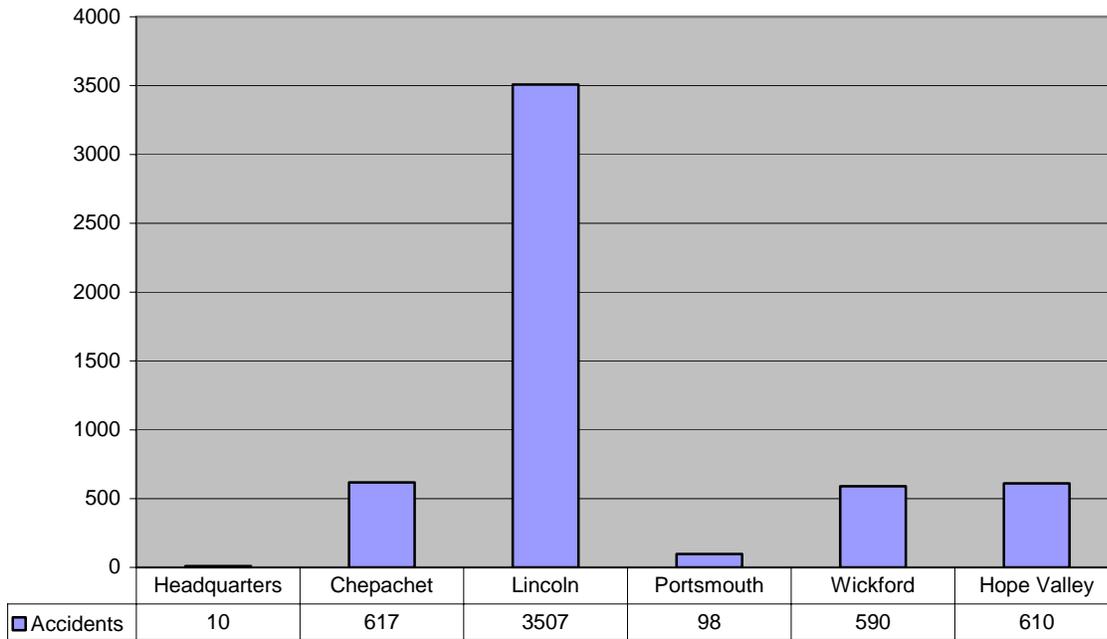
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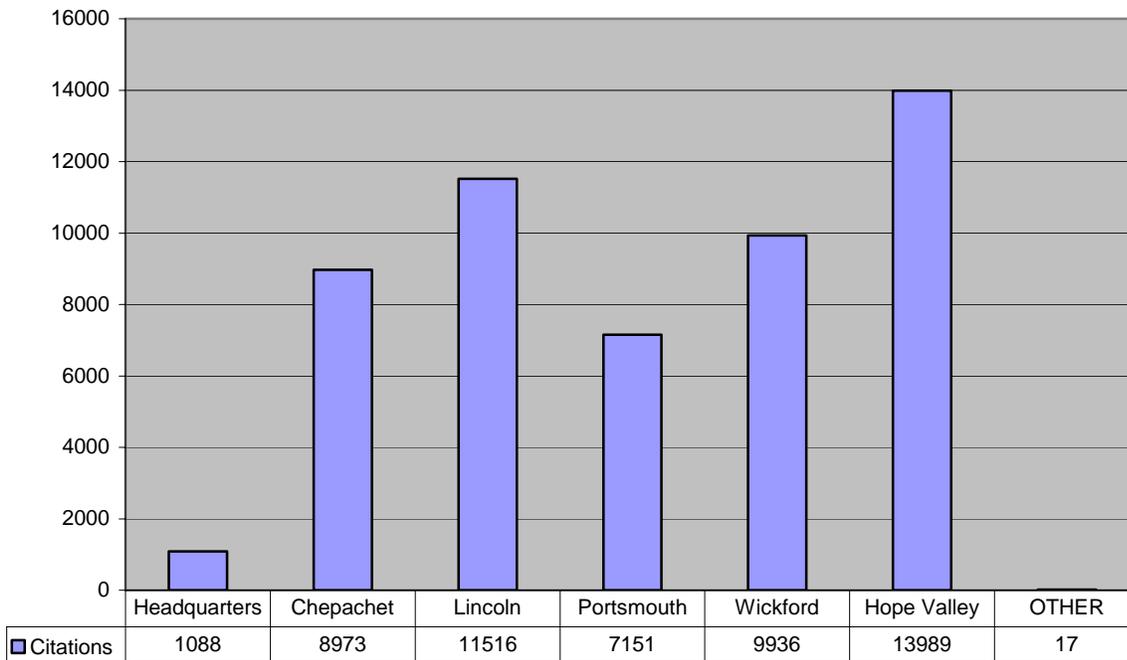
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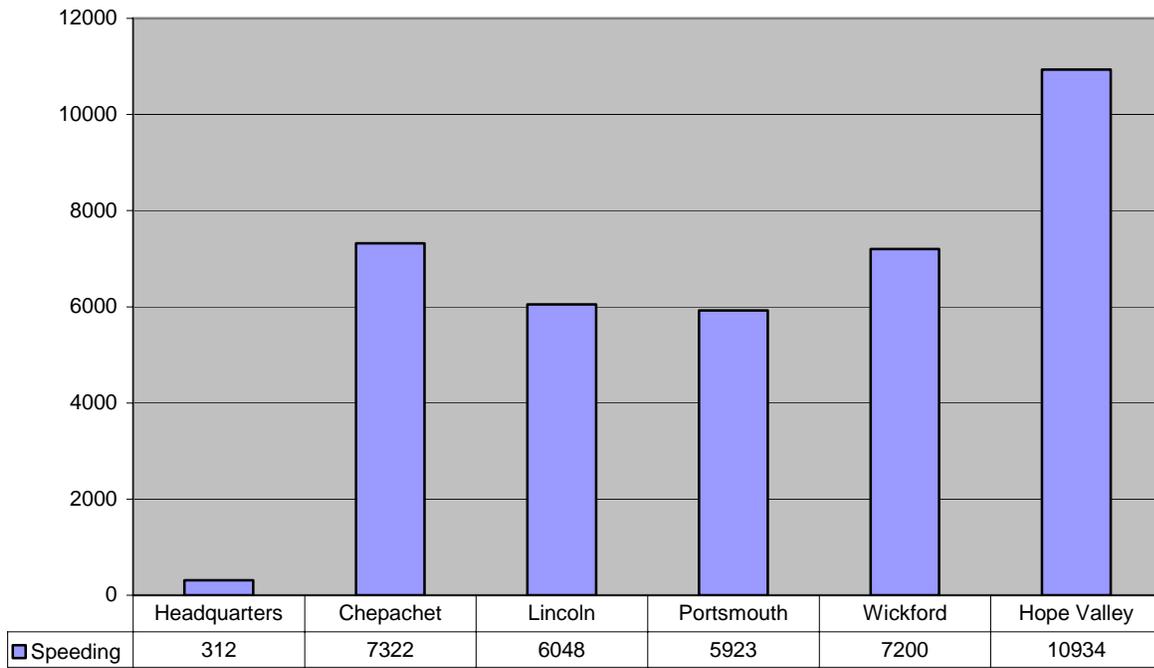
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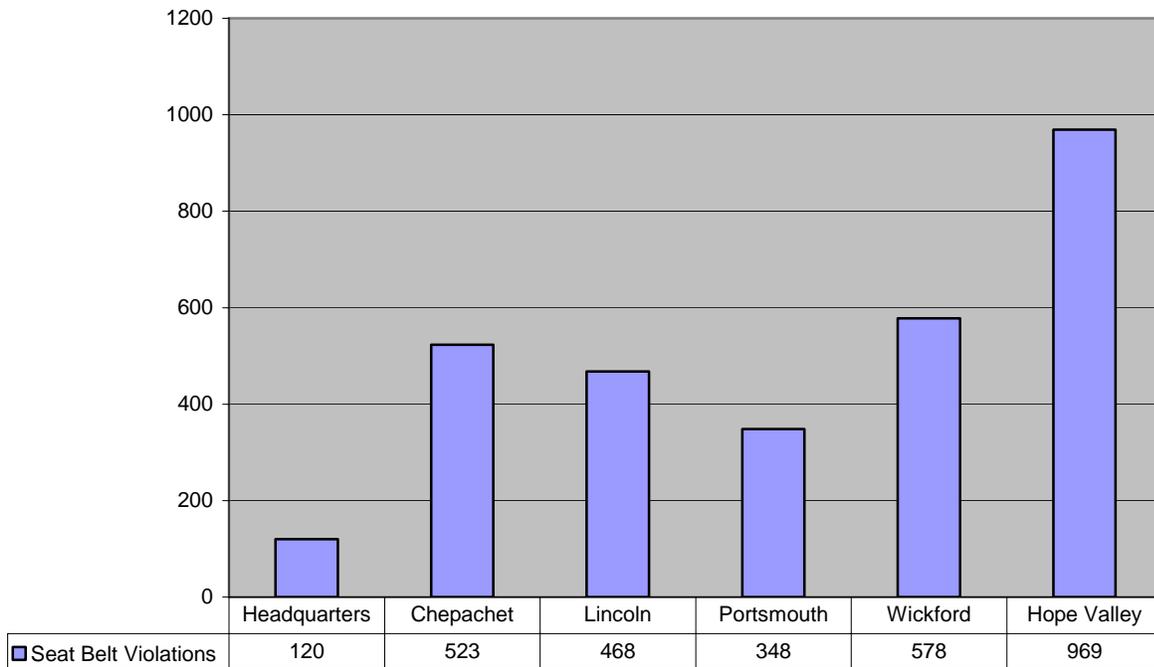
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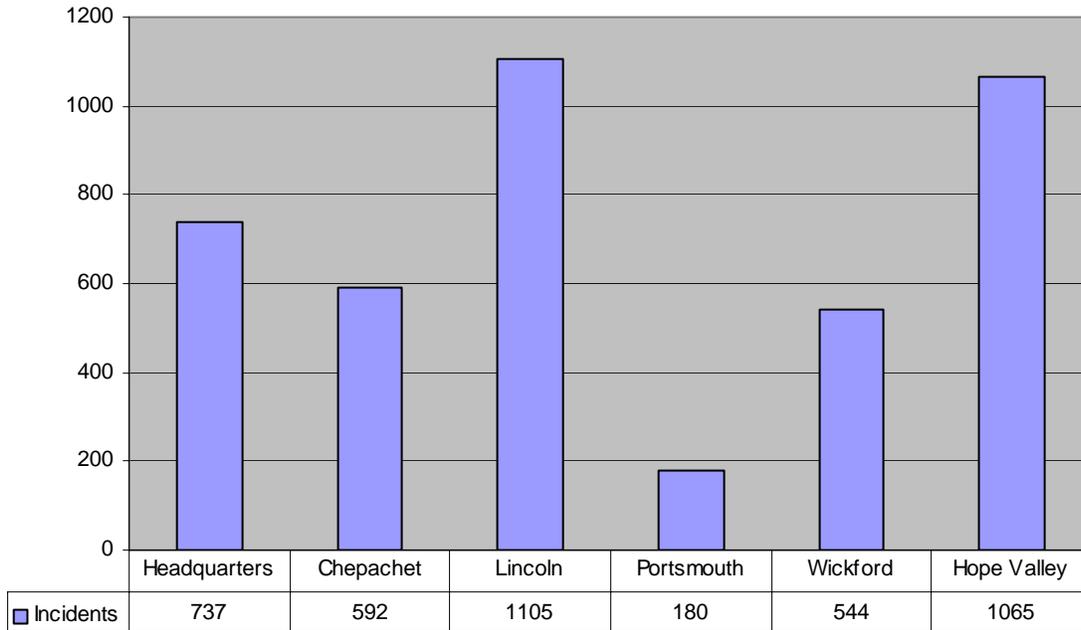
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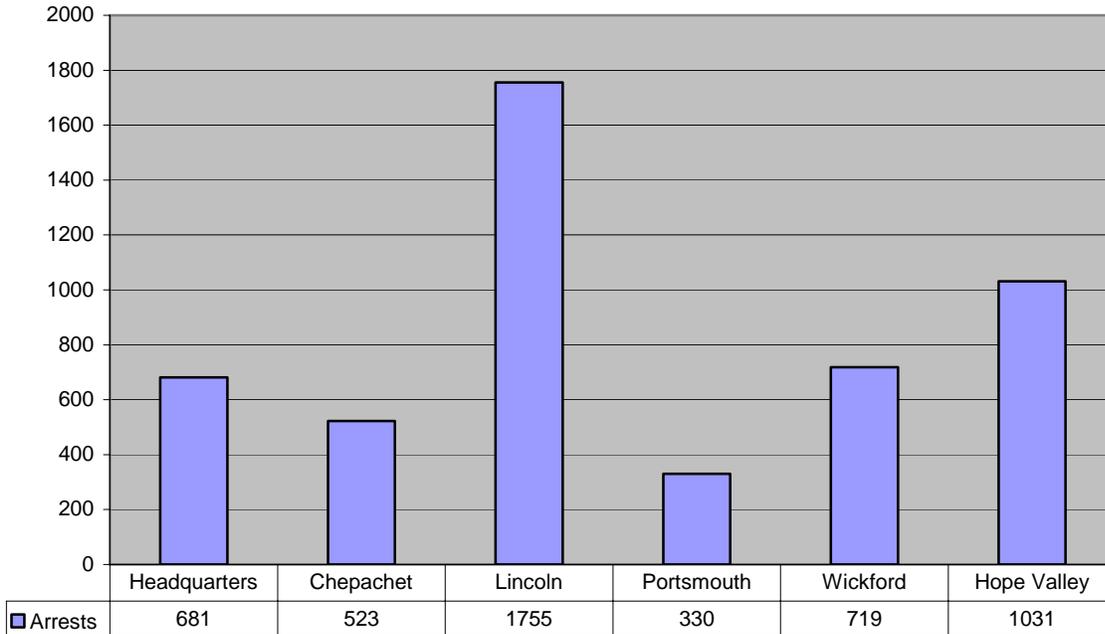
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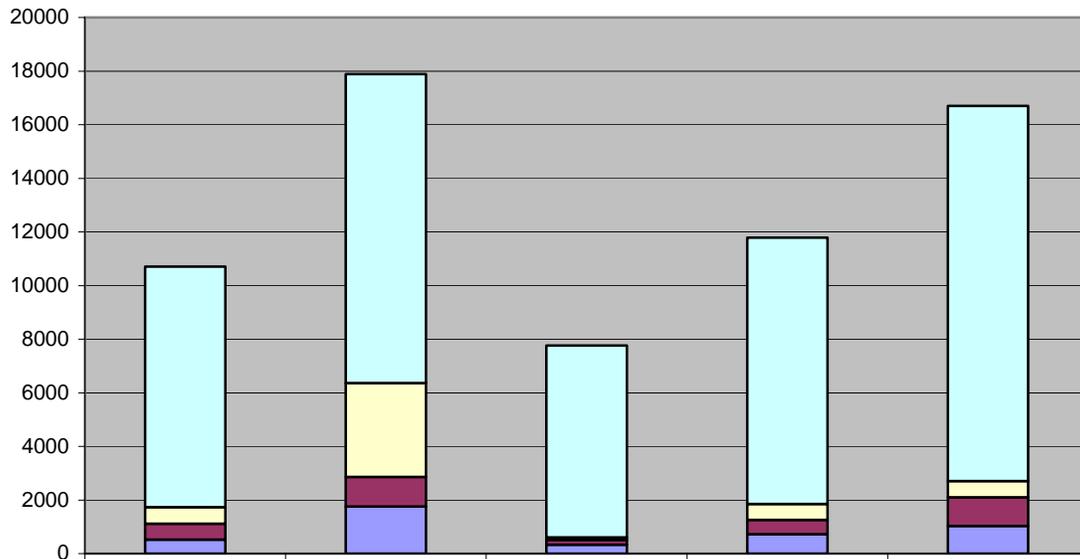
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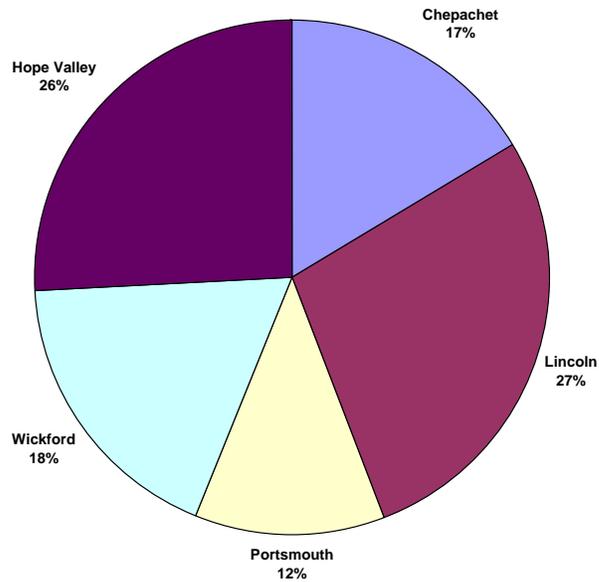
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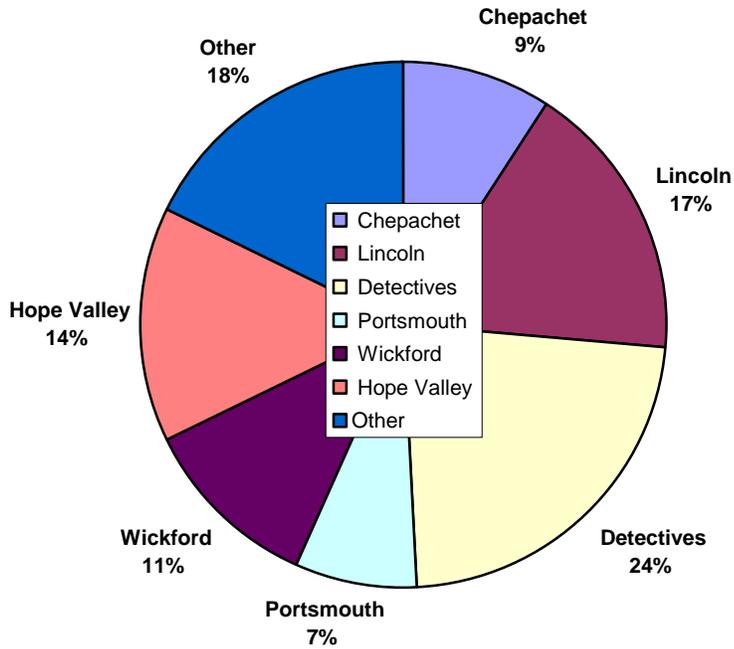
## Workload Assessment 2005Chart



	Chepachet	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Hope Valley
<b>CITATIONS</b>	8973	11516	7151	9936	13989
<b>ACCIDENTS</b>	617	3507	98	590	610
<b>INCIDENTS</b>	592	1105	180	544	1065
<b>ARRESTS</b>	523	1755	330	719	1031



## Personnel Allocation 2005 (Sworn Members)



Note – The below chart list Personnel making up the category “Other” above

Other - 20% - Detail of Above	Sworn
Governor	2
Airport	3
Exeter	4
CEU	9
Night exec	2
Command	8
Technology	1
Personnel Supply	2
Planning & Research	3
Accreditation	1
Traffic Court	1
Accademy	2

Total = 38

# CRIMES 2005

IBR Crime 2005	Detectives	Chepachet	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Hope Valley	Statewide
MURDER AND NONNEGLIGENT MANSLA	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
FORCIBLE RAPE	6	2	0	0	1	2	11
FORCIBLE SODOMY	2	0	0	2	0	0	4
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	3	0	3	1	0	0	7
FORCIBLE FONDLING	4	2	0	2	0	5	13
ROBBERY	2	2	3	0	0	2	9
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	11	4	9	0	1	8	33
SIMPLE ASSAULT	31	24	37	7	5	61	165
INTIMIDATION	10	6	11	2	5	9	43
ARSON	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERI	2	1	9	0	5	32	49
SHOPLIFTING	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
PURSE-SNATCHING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THEFT FROM BUILDING	4	3	3	1	1	28	40
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	1	3	11	6	2	20	43
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS	0	1	3	0	1	6	11
ALL OTHER LARCENY	31	12	43	5	11	41	143
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	48	6	31	1	6	22	114
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	40	6	27	2	11	22	108
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE / CO	165	18	78	24	22	40	347
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER	3	12	14	1	14	7	51
EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL	3	0	1	1	0	0	5
IMPERSONATION	4	1	1	2	2	6	16

- **Crimes are listed by the Rhode Island State Police Barracks where they originated. The actual investigation of the crimes may involve Personnel from more than one Barracks.**

## *CRIMES 2005*

IBR Crime 2005	Detectives	Chepachet	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Hopevalley	Statewide
WELFARE FRAUD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIRE FRAUD	8	0	2	0	1	0	11
EMBEZZLEMENT	26	2	1	0	2	5	36
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	29	4	18	1	4	7	63
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALI	6	9	21	8	4	92	140
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	108	15	91	41	72	165	492
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	0	0		0	0	1	1
STATUTORY RAPE	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL	11	1	0	0	0	0	12
OPERATING / PROMOTING / ASSIST	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
ASSISTING OR PROMOTING PROSTIT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	16	1	13	3	7	19	59
BAD CHECKS	22	213	78	7	42	85	447
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4	4	19	1	7	32	67
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	0	69	171	76	119	170	605
DRUNKENESS	0	3	1	1	2	7	14
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	3	0	4	0	1	1	9
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0	0	2	0	3	8	13
RUNAWAY	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	0	0	1	0	1	9	11
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	258	103	316	33	107	164	981
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	93	148	705	56	173	394	1569

- Crimes are listed by the Rhode Island State Police Barracks where they originated. The actual investigation of the crimes may involve Personnel from more than one Barracks.
- Driving Under the Influence numbers listed in the above chart include all DUI offenses. Each driver may be charged with more than one DUI offense. In 2005, 496 Drivers were arrested for DUI resulting in the above listed 605 DUI charges.

## **2006 Rhode Island State Police Directory**

### **Barracks**

*(Non-Emergency)*

Chepachet Barracks	1116 Putnam Pike, Glocester Lt. Steven Lefebvre, Patrol Commander	568-2516
Exeter Patrol Barracks	675 Ten Rod Road, Exeter Corporal William Jamieson, NCOIC	294-7377
Hope Valley Barracks	54 Nooseneck Hill Road, Richmond Lt. Darren Delaney, Patrol Commander	539-2411
Lincoln Woods Barracks	1575 Old Louisquisett Pike, Lincoln Lt. Glenn Skalubinski, Patrol Commander	444-1100
Portsmouth Barracks	838 East Main Road, Portsmouth Lt. Eric Croce, Patrol Commander	849-4444
Wickford Barracks	7875 Post Road, North Kingstown Lt. David Neill, Patrol Commander	294-3371

### **Headquarters**

**311 Danielson Pike**

**North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857**

General Information		444-1000
Accident Reports/Missing Children	Mr. Steven Loynds	444-1143
Business Office	Ms. Dawn Murphy	444-1129
Charitable Gaming Unit	Ms. Nancy Carlton	444-1147
Commercial Enforcement Unit	Lt. Thomas Underhill, OIC	444-1187
Detective Bureau	Captain Steven Lynch, OIC	444-1158
Technical Services Unit	Mr. Brian Glancy	444-1033
Traffic/Planning & Research	Lt. Eric LaRiviere OIC	444-1398
Training Academy	Sgt. James Manni, NCOIC	444-1191
Uniform Crime Reporting	Mrs. Linda Fraccola	444-1156

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